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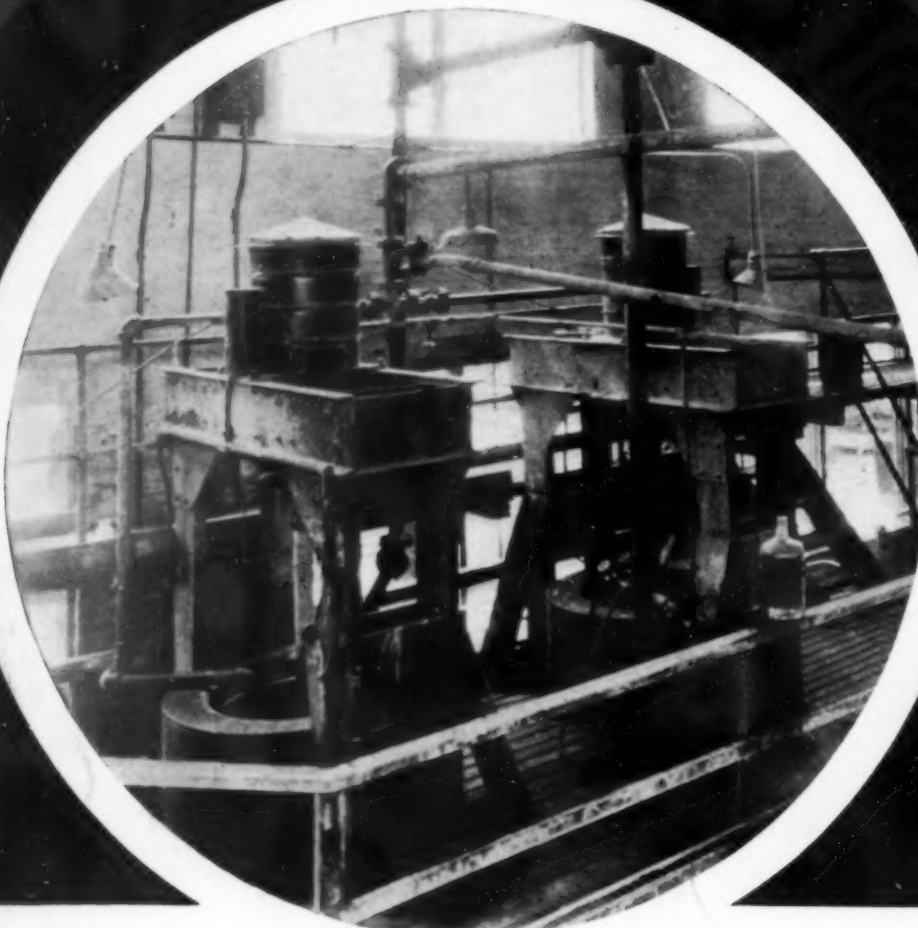


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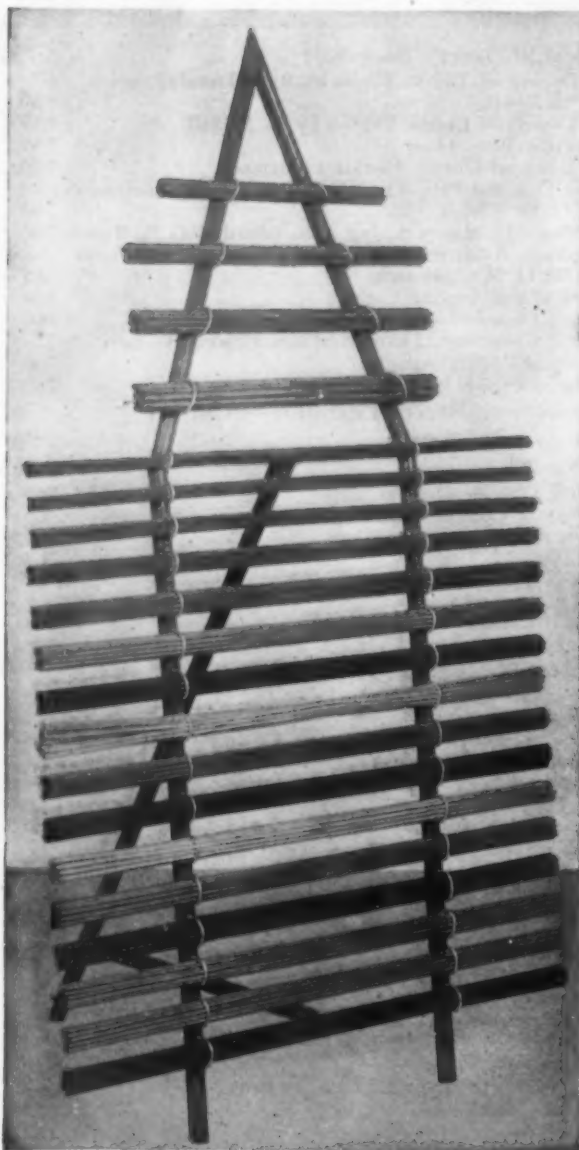
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## Continuing Prosperity for American Industry

**P**RESIDENT COOLIDGE'S annual message to Congress may have proved disappointing to the special pleaders, but to those who look to the general good of industry, it was a most reassuring document. Today's extraordinary prosperity is well founded. To preserve and strengthen it is an opportunity and an obligation for Congress. It is likewise an individual responsibility to which the President has aptly referred: "If the people maintain that confidence which they are entitled to have in themselves, in each other and in America, a comfortable prosperity will continue."

**J**UST what has brought about this happy condition and how may its permanence be assured? Production and distribution are at high levels. There is little or no unemployment. For all legitimate industrial operations there is an abundance of credit at favorable rates of interest. Prices are relatively low and the general volume of business is increasing—striking proof that values are not inflated and that buying is for consumption and not for speculation. Those parts of industry that have lagged in the general advance have not proved a serious detriment.

**B**ITUMINOUS coal, textiles and lumber are industries that are making progress in the solution of the basic problems which have handicapped them in recent years. A temporary slowing down of the automobile industry that has had its reflection on such products as steel, rubber tires, leather and paints promises shortly to be remedied. Only the psychological uncertainties of the political situation remain to plague us and their

effects may largely be offset by constructive action on the part of Congress.

**T**HE tax revision bill offers Congress its immediate opportunity to contribute a sound legislative measure that will help to make permanent our present prosperity. The seasoned advice of the Secretary of the Treasury, in which the President whole-heartedly concurs, appears to be the safe course of conservative business. Greater reduction made at the peril of a deficit would be a temporary gain that might be more than wiped out by the increased rate of interest resulting from damage done to the national credit. The constructive economy that has come to be associated with the present administration is more than a shaving of bureau estimates. It is a shaping of the national economy, the drawing of a balance sheet for intelligently budgeting the fiscal affairs of the nation.

**T**HE problems that Congress is facing are matters that concern industry, for they are forward steps in the slow process of economic growth. Our present prosperity, as Secretary Hoover pointed out most succinctly in the annual report of the Department of Commerce, is not merely a temporary upward swing of the business cycle, but is the accumulated result of general and permanent progress. We may face the future with confidence if our present problems are squarely met and rightly solved. In fact, progressively higher standards will be reached in 1928 if we look to the efficiency of our production and distribution processes, improve our educational standards and maintain a position of leadership in industrial research.



### An Impetus for Nitrogen Research

MUSCLE SHOALS, the perennial feature of presidential messages is gradually being relegated to the less important position it deserves in national affairs. But something of the magnified significance that has kept it in the political arena for the past ten years, is apparent even in President Coolidge's recent comment. In spite of the clearer recognition of the power phases of the project, there is still the dedication to agriculture and the parting reference to fertilizer manufacture as a contractual obligation in any sale of the property. Fortunately, however, as the technological limitations of the plant and process are better understood, an impetus is given to the necessity for further research in nitrogen fixation. From our point of view no better disposal could be made of the proceeds from the sale of Muscle Shoals and it is only to be regretted that such a plan did not have adequate consideration in the early years of discussion. A research program begun on such a scale in 1920 might have meant more to agriculture and the national defense than a score of Muscle Shoals projects.

### Lessons in Economy for the Chemical Engineer

DURING THE WEEK of December 4, both the mechanical and refrigeration engineering societies met in New York not only to learn what their members had to tell at the annual meetings of the associations, but to absorb as well the lessons in economy which were so amply demonstrated at the Power Show.

While these lessons were aimed primarily at those gentlemen whose chief interest is to provide the energy behind the wheels of industry, why less at their chemical brethren? If these latter care little about super-power, they substitute an engrossing attention to steam for process.

The most apparent factor in the new power era is economy—and what is more to be desired in the process field?—economy as the result of applications of high pressure in steam generation and in the use of human agency. Automatic control has become a by-word.

In steam generation, a tendency which can not be overlooked is that toward the use of water-cooled furnace walls to permit of higher temperatures than have been possible heretofore. Gun-sprayed refractory coatings are now usual for fire-brick lining. Air preheaters, economizers and feed water heaters are more efficient and more numerous than before. Burners for pulverized fuel and oil have been improved. Stokers have been simplified. And all this in order that boiler pressures of 350 pounds may be, with economy, considered low. One manufacturer, at least, has had the hardihood to abandon the time-dishonored rivet, and has appeared with a welded boiler drum. Others have turned their attention to forged alloy steels for valves and fittings. And legion are the names of those whose controllers and recorders take mechanical operations out of the hands of fallible humanity.

It seems a fitting end for a year of prosperity and improvement, almost without exception throughout industry, that the developments in this basic service field of power, should have been brought under one roof at this time, not only for the enlightenment of those most directly con-

cerned, but as well, for all engineers. To those of its readers who did not attend, *Chem. & Met.* suggests that the approaching New Year is an excellent time to make one resolution which can be kept—to spend at least a little time at the seventh Power Exposition in 1928.

### An Offsetting Advantage of the International Cartel

THERE has recently been much talk as to the dangers to American industry through the development of foreign cartels and international trade agreements. Some such hazard may and probably does exist if American business is not planned and carried forward on the most efficient technologic and economic basis, but there is an offsetting advantage to American industry in the development of these foreign monopolies or trade agreements that is often overlooked.

This advantage comes from the fact that these foreign trade monopolies are created primarily in order to increase the price which can be asked for a commodity. The International Steel Cartel had as one of its first actions the establishment of a higher price for steel. The recent international agreement among sugar producers has a similar motive. This agreement appears to give the Cuban producer assurance of about one cent per pound greater price on raw sugar and consequently will have a corresponding influence upon the price of sugar in the United States markets. If Louisiana cane sugar producers can get a cent a pound more for their product than has been possible during the last few years they are virtually assured a new lease of life. This market advantage together with the improved new grades of resistant cane of high yield afford great promise for the future of the Louisiana sugar industry.

The international chemical cartel begins to assume definite form with the reported signing of the agreement by the British and French representatives and the alleged division of the world market for dyestuffs. The earlier feeling of alarm engendered in this country, however, is gradually being tempered by the view that perhaps, after all, the cartel movement will help the American industry by raising prices. Certainly cartel competition can be no worse than the disorganized bidding and price cutting that now exist in some foreign markets.

Other of our industries threatened with foreign competition by organized trade monopolies may yet find a silver lining to the clouds that have been rising on the economic horizon.

### Installment Selling of Industrial Equipment

PROFESSOR Edwin R. A. Seligman, the economist, lately delivered a scholarly address in New York in which he summarized an exhaustive investigation made at the instance of the General Motors Corporation. His conclusion that the credit financing of consumption was just as legitimate from an economic standpoint as the financing of production has attracted wide interest in the automotive industry. There is in the distinguished economist's findings an even sounder basis for the extension of consumer credit in the financing of income-producing, industrial equipment.

We are reminded by Professor Seligman that installment credit is as old as the first public works. The building of bridges and highways, irrigation projects and similar public improvements have been made possible by such an extension of credit. We employ installment credit principles in buying real estate or life insurance, for very few homes and practically no insurance policies are lump-sum purchases. For years house furnishings and labor-saving devices in the home, such as sewing and washing machines and electrical appliances, have been sold on a time-payment basis. There is, therefore, nothing new in the principle of installment selling.

The chief advance, for which the automobile industry is largely responsible, is the introduction and development of the finance companies, equipped to serve the specialized banking needs of the industries that sell on an installment basis. This new mechanism was developed primarily to help the manufacturer who wished to sell more goods than could be sold for cash. Installment selling, according to Professor Seligman, has in all cases increased the demand for the product sold. What, we might ask, would contribute more to American industry than a greater demand for automatic control devices or a hundred other examples of efficiency-increasing, chemical engineering equipment?

Henry Ittleson, president of one of the oldest finance corporations in the industrial field, recently told the Association of National Advertisers that at least fifty different kinds of income-producing, industrial and labor-saving units are now being sold in the United States on an installment basis without in any way jeopardizing the principles of sound credit. Progress is being made in many industries in breaking down the customer's natural hesitancy to discard obsolete and inefficient machinery because of disinclination or inability to make a large capital outlay. In such cases there is but one answer. As Mr. Ittleson has well said, "the installment plan means you actually put the machine on the payroll and let it pay for itself out of increased earnings."

The chemical engineering industries appear to offer a real opportunity for the prudent extension of consumer credit. If the equipment manufacturer can keep his capital liquid for direct use in production and can thereby widen his market, he is extending the influence of chemical engineering. *Chem. & Met.* will welcome a discussion from its readers of the possible value, dangers and opportunities in the extension of installment selling to the sale of chemical engineering equipment.

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### System, Not Mystery, for Piping Identification

IN NO FRIVOLOUS mood but in all seriousness, we recall that famous chemico-biological jingle of poor Willie, the boy who ceased to be through the mistaken idea that  $H_2SO_4$  was  $H_2O$ . It was a dreary fate, and the more so for the fact that this conflict between theory and reality is all too common in the tangled and befuddled piping mazes of the chemical plant.

Individual plants have frequently attempted to arrive at usable systems of piping identification. The result usually attained, is that a Babel, not of voices, but of colors, numbers, symbols and all manner of cabalistic signs ensues, to become in the end, perhaps, more trying than the unadorned pipe.

To correct this tendency toward over-elaboration, and to provide a standardized and universally applicable code of pipe identification, usable in every case where any of the thousand and one materials carried in pipes is concerned, the Engineering Standards Committee has prepared a system, described elsewhere in this issue of *Chem. & Met.*, which seems to meet all requirements in a most satisfactory way.

It is the aim of the committee that, through trade and technical associations, industry should, in the absence of a more constructive program, give its sanction to the system. By the division of every conceivable piped material into five major classes, with an easily distinguishable color code for identification and a subsidiary scheme of lettering for further assistance, this system has made possible a simplification which has much to recommend it for safety and increased productivity.

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### A Nation-Wide Survey of Chemical Opportunities

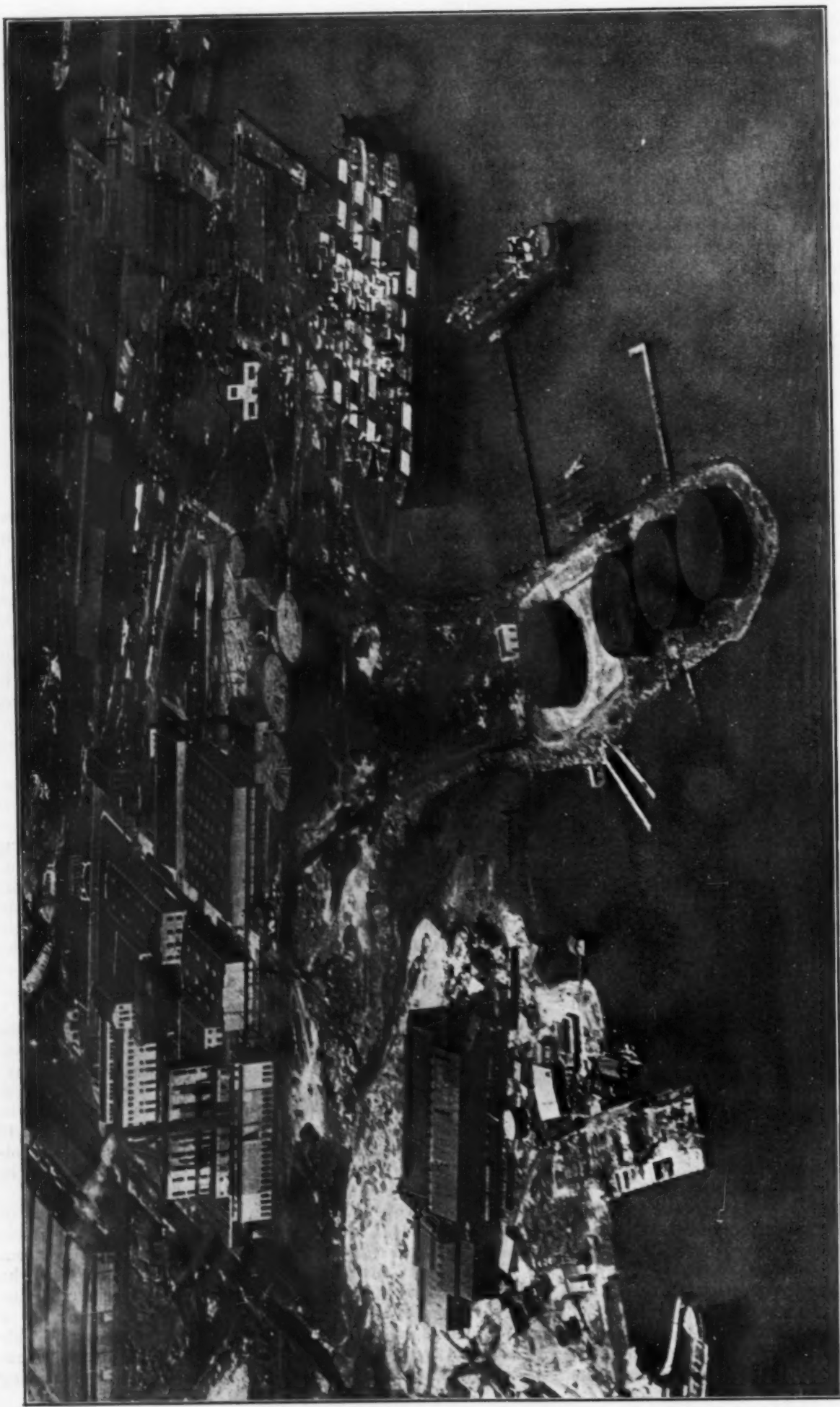
TWO YEARS ago the New England Council was organized to seek a cure for the industrial ills of New England. Last month under its general direction a thousand business men from the six New England states met in Springfield, Mass., to pool their energies in a mass attack on these economic problems. They met to take stock of the assets and liabilities of New England, to dig up the facts, pleasant and unpleasant, and from such to plan for the future of New England's industries. In all phases of their work it was emphasized that research and exact knowledge, rather than sectional "ballyhoo," was the necessary foundation for rebuilding old industries and attracting new ones.

It was a matter of considerable gratification to *Chem. & Met.* that the regional survey prepared for this magazine by G. J. Esselen, Jr. and W. S. Frost of Boston should be selected by the Council as a means of calling attention to chemical opportunities in New England. Ten thousand copies were distributed to banks, chambers of commerce and industrial executives throughout the country. This testimony to the accuracy and thoroughness of the New England article is likewise evidence of the value and importance of the entire series of regional articles that have been published in *Chem. & Met.* during the current year.

A number of these articles have been reprinted at the request of the authors, or of agencies concerned with industrial development. There have been many requests for all of these surveys and in order to make them available in more convenient and permanent form, *Chem. & Met.* will shortly reprint the entire series. Copies will be distributed at a nominal cost to individuals and organizations interested in the future development of the chemical industries.

With the publication in this issue of the surveys of the Middle Atlantic Seaboard, Virginia, West Virginia and Mississippi, the series is now complete. All sections of the United States have been surveyed by men who are thoroughly familiar with chemical engineering developments within their territories. The series as a whole makes available for the first time a nation-wide survey of the factors that influence the growth and expansion of the chemical producing and consuming industries.





**This Industrial Alcohol Plant at Curtis Bay, near Baltimore, Md., is the Largest of Its Kind in World.**

In the foreground of this plant of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Company are to be seen the huge storage tanks for molasses, and at the right center, one of the company's

molasses tank steamers is shown discharging her cargo. The fermenter building, still houses and power plant appear at the upper left. It was in this plant that large-scale

continuous production of anhydrous alcohol first became a commercial enterprise. Present production is at the rate of about 3,000,000 gal. of absolute alcohol per year.



# Anhydrous Alcohol in America

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**EDITOR'S NOTE.** It has been common knowledge for the past few years that absolute alcohol—once highly prized as a laboratory reagent and chemical curiosity—has now become available in tank-car quantities and as such is largely used in lacquer manufacture. But it is not common knowledge that this large scale production by continuous process is the achievement of American chemical engineers. The work on azeotropic mixtures with distillation under diminished pressures is publicly described for the first time in this article by Mr. Cooley, who was formerly on the technical staff of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Company. It is particularly significant that this development was the subject of a number of patent applications, which were filed several years before the French had announced their solution of this problem through the use of solid dehydrants in a discontinuous process.

**T**HE AUTOMOBILE is the necessity that has mothered the invention of many products. Such a product is absolute alcohol, rarely mentioned in the popular automotive literature but of increasing importance to automobiles in two applications. The first is of little importance now in the United States but is, in Europe, especially in France, vital in the "carburant national." The second application of absolute alcohol is not in propelling vehicles but in decorating them, namely as a gum and cotton solvent for lacquers. For the first application we shall merely review the fact that the usual alcohol of commerce contains about 5 per cent of water by volume and will not blend itself with hydrocarbons. Hence the strenuous efforts in France were not only to produce alcohol as cheaply as possible but also to produce anhydrous alcohol which readily blends with hydrocarbons used in fuel. While not used in appreciable quantities commercially in motor fuels in the United States, extensive experiments have been conducted in this application. As airplane fuels, hydrocarbon mixtures of anhydrous alcohol are an established success. The engines run cooler and can use a higher compression without knocking. The thermal efficiency is sufficiently great in an internal combustion engine to offset the lower heat content of alcohol per unit of weight so that alcohol and gasoline are practically equivalent.

In the United States the second application is of principal importance at this time. Anhydrous alcohol has proved its value as a solvent for nitrocellulose products particularly for the new type of alcohol-soluble cotton now being produced for lacquer manufacturers by the Hercules Powder Company. Large quantities of anhydrous alcohol are used in combinations with anhydrous ethyl acetate for dissolving gums and resins.

Anhydrous alcohol is defined by its principal producer as ethyl alcohol of 99.9 per cent purity by weight and containing less than 0.1 per cent of water. The total daily production of anhydrous alcohol in the United States is in the neighborhood of 8,000 gal. and this is sold at a price which compares favorably with that of 95 per cent alcohol.

The reader interested in the history of absolute alcohol should refer to *Bulletin de l'Association des Chimistes de Sucrierie et de Distillerie de France et des Colonies* for papers published in March and April, 1924, by M. R. Pique, and to an article in the same publication by Mariller in January, 1925. Both articles omit any reference, however, to German patent 287,897 by Kubierschky. This covers a continuous azeotropic process for the use of benzol in producing anhydrous alcohol.

In 1809-1811 Gay-Lussac and Thenard published physico-chemical experiments on the fundamentals of producing alcohol of high strength. Between 1811 and the present time, many patents were granted to inventors for the use of lime and various other solid dehydrants. In others there is record of the use of hydrocarbons and other oils, but no statement as to the strength of the product. Processes using solid dehydrants will be mentioned only briefly here because, while used on a commercial scale, they are inferior from an economical and practical standpoint to processes using the principle of azeotropic mixtures.

Azeotropism may be defined as the property of mixtures to boil at constant temperatures under constant pressure. A constant boiling mixture (or c.b.m.) will distill off vapor having the same composition as the liquid; the components of a c.b.m. can not be separated by fractional distillation.

The first patent for the dehydration of alcohol based on the use of an azeotropic mixture was granted in Germany to Sidney Young, an Englishman, in 1903 (No. 142,502). Young's process involved the fractional distillation of alcoholic liquors without chemical dehydrators. Details will be given later with a comparison with a similar discontinuous process for production of motor fuels patented by Elbridge Stevens, U. S. Patent 1,372,465 and British Patent 159,880, 1921. In 1915, Kubierschky was granted the German Patent 287,897 previously referred to for a continuous process based on Young's method. This process, to the writer's knowledge, has not achieved large-scale production owing to certain inherent defects.

**D**URING the past twelve years many patents have been granted for the dehydration of the several other alcohols such as propyl, butyl and glycerine and to esters such as ethyl acetate. The processes fall into the following classes as classified by Patart, *Bull. Soc. D'Encouragement pour l'Industria Nationale*, 1924.

1. Solid dehydrants on cold alcohol liquid.
2. Solid dehydrants on hot alcohol liquid or vapor.
3. Action of dehydrating liquids such as glycerine.
4. Distillation under vacuum.
5. Atmolysis; Passage of vapor through porous tube.
6. Azeotropic systems containing alcohol.

During the war, in co-operation with the United

States Government, particularly the Navy, extensive tests were carried out on internal combustion fuels containing alcohol. At the close of the war, the alcohol industry in this country, as in others, was faced with the problem of enormous excess production. Experimental work on alcohol fuels was redoubled. The whole question of alcohol for internal combustion engines is well summed up in a paper by Dr. M. C. Whitaker published in the October 17, 1925, issue of *Drug and Chemical Markets*.

France faced a similar situation as to excess production capacity for alcohol with the additional incentive of high fuel costs due to scarcity of petroleum.

In this country, much work was done on azeotropic mixtures in connection with ester manufacture during the war. It was, therefore, natural that the problem of anhydrous alcohol should be taken up via this route rather than attempting to work out other dehydration methods.

Due to the scarcity of petroleum in France a vast amount of study and experiment has been devoted there to the production of hydrocarbon mixtures containing absolute alcohol. Solid dehydrants such as quicklime, carbide, metallic calcium, and salts such as potassium carbonate have been tried in numerous combinations. The main difficulties are the lack of continuous operation and the losses of product in the troublesome process of recovering residual alcohol from the dehydrants.

Mariller (24) (see bibliography at the end of this article) describes the dehydration by glycerol and glycerolic salt solutions. He points out the thermal inefficiency of column stills and states his desire to start with alcohol of low proof in order to avoid the heat loss necessary for concentration to 95 per cent. However, Mariller's data do not indicate a starting strength of less than 66 per cent alcohol. In processes using glycerine as a dehydrant plate columns of 20 and of 12 plates, in which glycerine passed down against ascending alcohol vapor, were used. The degree of dehydration depends on the grade of glycerine used, as follows: Commercial glycerine (4 per cent water) produces 98.5 per cent alcohol (99 deg. Gay-Lussac); anhydrous glycerine (dynamite grade) produces 99 per cent alcohol (99.2 deg. G.L.); anhydrous glycerine with dehydrating salts produces 99.8 per cent alcohol (100 deg. G.L.).

#### Alcohol Dehydration with Commercial Glycerine

Using 20 plates		Kg. Glycerine per Hectoliter Alcohol	Reflux-ratio
In	Out		Pure Alcohol in Condensate
96.3	97.7	54.1	0.86
96.0	98.1	49.3	0.84
95.2	97.3	44.0	0.93
94.0	98.0	81.0	1.9
Using 12 plates		Kg. Glycerine per Hectoliter Alcohol	Pure Alcohol in Distillate
In	Out		Pure Alcohol in Condensate
95.7	98.5	141.1	0.43
81.6	98.1	141.2	0.60
Using Salts and Glycerine		Kg. Glycerine per Hectoliter Alcohol	Per Cent K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>
In	Out		Pure Alcohol in Condensate
66.7	99.5	499	0.75

The concentration of glycerine is carried on in a second apparatus. The process appears to be satisfactory as to cost but H. Guinot (27) states that there exists one very serious defect. The glycerine solution of potassium carbonate, owing to its capacity to dissolve metallic oxides has the deleterious effect of corroding the apparatus.

The Barbet system of vacuum distillation, described in 1924 in Pique's paper (30), was anticipated in the United States by E. J. Winter's patents 1,427,885, 1,427,886 and 1,427,886 applied for in 1918. The fundamental principles of vacuum distillation were published by R. W. Merriman (4), whose results form a table showing the decreasing percentage of water in the azeotropic mixture of alcohol and water with decreasing absolute pressure. Under 70 mm. absolute there is no water in the azeotropic mixture. If a higher partial pressure be used such as would produce an alcohol of 99 per cent then refractionations of the latter would produce absolute alcohol in the residue.

Concerning atmolysis, Patart (32) states that in a paper by Urbain (25) an apparatus is described consisting of a porous tube fitted with a condenser on top, the water vapor passes through the wall of the porous tube and the condensed alcohol is returned to the distillation flask. This was said to yield alcohol of 99.5 per cent.

But by far the most important because the most practical principle of alcohol dehydration is the use of azeotropic mixtures. The vapor pressure of alcohol is reduced in the presence of a third substance such as benzol, or carbon tetrachloride, which mixes thoroughly with alcohol but not with water, while the vapor pressure of water remains unchanged. Therefore, while a mixture of 96 per cent alcohol and 4 per cent water vaporizes without change, the vapors from this mixture in the presence of one of the third substances contain more water than the residual liquid. To quote from Sid-

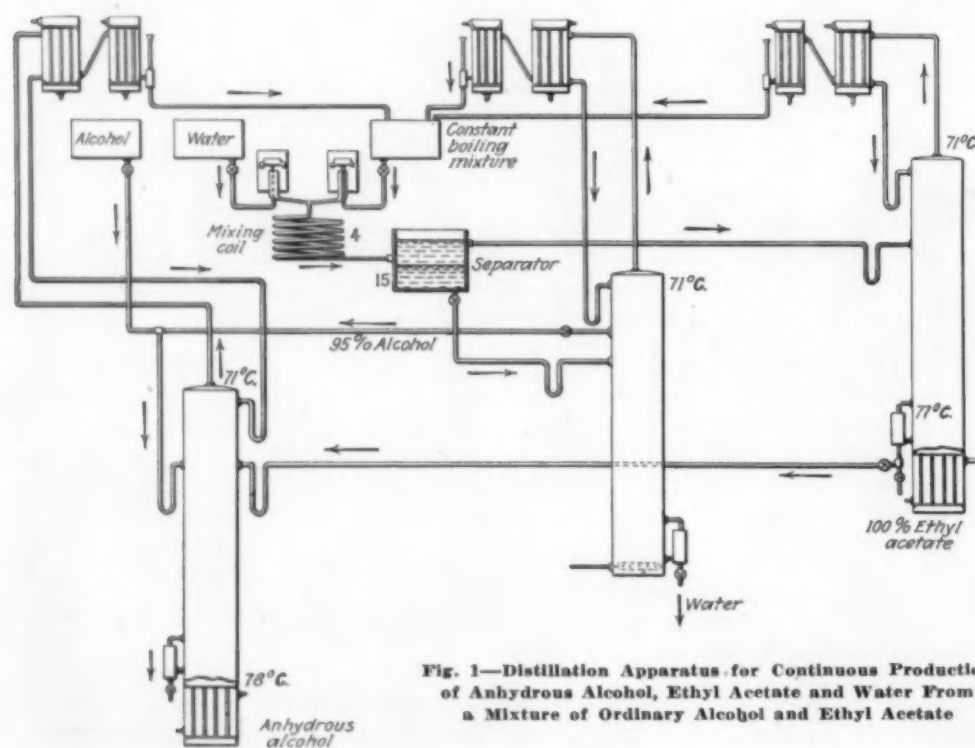


Fig. 1—Distillation Apparatus for Continuous Production of Anhydrous Alcohol, Ethyl Acetate and Water From a Mixture of Ordinary Alcohol and Ethyl Acetate



ney Young's patent, "In a mixture of alcohol, benzol and water where alcohol and benzol distill from the mixture in constant proportions and at a lower temperature than the boiling point of either of the ingredients, the mixture of alcohol, benzol and water starts boiling at a lower temperature than the mixture of alcohol and benzol without water. If a mixture of benzol and 90 or 94 per cent alcohol be distilled there will pass over a mixture of water, alcohol and benzol until at last there remains in the distillation receiver alcohol almost free of water which can be redistilled to produce absolute alcohol. In place of benzol other hydrocarbons can be used, also chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, ethyl bromide, carbon bisulphide, ethyl acetate, ketones and other such substances."

Compare Young's discontinuous process with a similar one of E. W. Stevens, U. S. Pat. 1,372,465, issued in 1921 for a distillation process. The process relates to "a method for utilizing alcohol in the production of motor fuels wherein alcohol is redistilled in the presence of hydrocarbons (benzol or petroleum oils) and fusel oil for the purpose of improving the blending of alcohol and hydrocarbons and for the removal of water contained in alcohol." The inventor claims to have found that distillatory separations become much sharper by the use of fusel oil; this being particularly the case where petroleum hydrocarbons such as kerosene, gasoline, etc., are used. The quantity of fusel oil required is quite small, 0.25 to 1.00 per cent being sufficient. Part of the fusel oil goes out with the final dry alcohol and acts as blending agent. The remainder is redistilled and reused.

SOON after the war came to a close, the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Company started an elaborate program to develop the art of producing anhydrous alcohol and esters. An experimental building of considerable size was erected and provided with commercial size fermenters and stills. Proof of the efficacy of this method of attacking a chemical engineering problem is the number of patent applications and patents which were granted to the men who carried on the investigations. For complete details which are much too involved for the space available here, one should refer to the papers and patents cited in the appended bibliography. One of the most important patents for producing anhydrous alcohols or esters is U. S. Pat. 1,487,182, March 18, 1924, to Prof. W. H. Rodebush assignor to U. S. Industrial Alcohol Company on an application dated April 14, 1921. In this patent several objects are mentioned, but the basic idea was the continuous production of a pure liquid, a constant boiling mixture and water from a mixture of ordinary alcohol and ethyl acetate or benzol. In practice, the c.b.m. produced is an intermediate product and is also separated into its pure constituents.

The apparatus shown in Fig. 1, consists essentially of three fractionating columns, each with partial and final condensers. One column produces anhydrous alcohol at the base, the second 100 per cent ethyl acetate, and the third, water.

Rodebush's apparatus can be used for other alcohols such as propyl and a third constituent not soluble in water, for example, benzol. When using propyl alcohol, the second liquid would be propyl acetate. Closely following Rodebush came Steffens with several patent applications also assigned to the U. S. Industrial Alcohol

Company, for processes and apparatus to produce anhydrous alcohol. In fact, the largest commercial application today is operated principally in accordance with Steffens' patents. It is to be noted particularly that Steffens' (as well as Rodebush's) patents are based on exhaustive studies of the art of producing anhydrous alcohol.

The apparatus for Steffens' process illustrated in Fig. 2, consists essentially of two fractionating columns each with partial and final condensers, a continuous separator and a continuous washer together with constant head supply tanks and flow control devices.

Column 29 is the alcohol recovery column. Column 5 is the dehydrating column which is fed through weir box 3 from 95 per cent alcohol supply pipe 1 and benzol pipe 2. Pipe 2 merely supplies initial benzol and such additional amounts as are required to make up for the slight losses in the process. The amounts of alcohol and benzol fed in are such that in the circulating system, at any time, there would be approximately equal parts by weight of 96 per cent alcohol and benzol but preferably a slightly smaller quantity of the benzol than of the 95 per cent alcohol. The dehydrating column is operated by a closed heater in or connected to the base, maintained at a temperature slightly below 78.4 deg. C. If designed for the purpose, the closed heater can use exhaust steam at one or two lb. pressure. From the base of the dehydrating column anhydrous alcohol flows to a liquid cooler.

Vapors from the top of the column, at one atmosphere pressure have the composition of a constant boiling mixture of 18.5 per cent alcohol; 74.1 per cent benzol, and 7.4 per cent water, at a temperature of 64.85 deg. C. Some of this vapor is condensed in partial condenser 9 and flows back to the top plate of column 5 to supply the necessary reflux for the column fractionation. Good practice would require a seal in pipe 17 and the elimination of valves shown in 17 and 10.

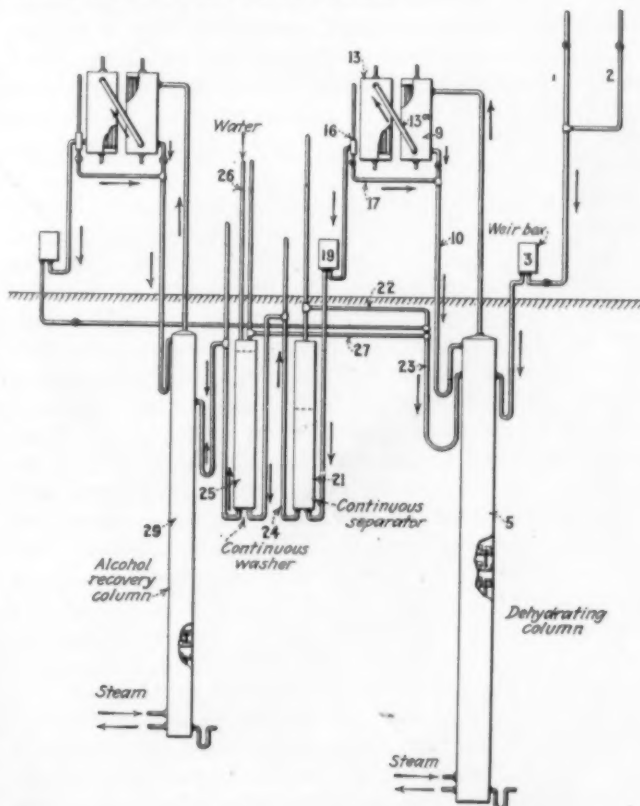


Fig. 2—Schematic Layout of Distillation Equipment Largely as Operated Commercially for the Production of Anhydrous Alcohol



The combined reflux from the two condensers not only provides uniform conditions at the top of the tower but enables the process to be conducted with a comparatively small quantity of benzol so that the condensate reaching the separating chamber 21 will be rich in the water to be removed.

From the partial condenser 9, the remaining vapors flow through pipe 13a to final condenser 13 thence through regulating bottle 16 to weir box 19. From weir box 19, condensed c.b.m. flows to separator 21 which is designed for continuous operation. Two layers are formed in the separator. D. B. Mason of the research department of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Company reports that the relative quantities and compositions of the two layers formed from condensing the constant boiling mixture depend on the temperature at which the separation takes place. Mason confirms J. Barbaudy, page 1924, Vol. 180, *Comptes-Rendus* (1925), who performed a series of careful measurements on the alcohol, benzol water mixture. At 25 deg. C. the upper layer is approximately 85 per cent of the condensed c.b.m. The upper layer is composed of approximately:

Alcohol .....	13 per cent by weight
Benzol .....	85 per cent by weight
Water .....	2 per cent by weight
The lower layer:	
Alcohol .....	50 per cent by weight
Benzol .....	8 per cent by weight
Water .....	42 per cent by weight

The upper layer is conveyed by a vented pipe 22 back to the dehydrating column 5 while the lower layer passes by a vented pipe 24 to a water scrubber 25. In order to remove the remainder of the benzol, water is introduced into the scrubber 25 by pipe 26 thus producing therein two layers of liquid, the upper layer of which contains the remainder of the benzol. The benzol layer is conducted from the scrubber by a vented pipe 27 to the liquid seal 23 and thence to column 5, while the lower layer, which is dilute alcohol, practically free of benzol, is fed to alcohol recovery column 29. Column 29 is merely a fractionating column, heated with a perforated steam coil, which takes in alcohol at a low proof and raises it to approximately 96 per cent by volume for re-use in the process.

Inasmuch as the alcohol returned to the dehydrating column 5 has a definite composition and temperature and as the benzol has been substantially entirely removed therefrom, the conditions in the upper portions of column 5 are comparatively uniform so far as the character of the incoming alcohol is concerned. Furthermore, inasmuch as the bulk of the benzol is returned directly from the separator to the dehydrating column 5, while the scrubbing is applied to the small portion of the benzol recovered in the scrubber 25, the benzol is returned to the dehydrating column in a drier form than would otherwise be the case. For the same reason less water is carried back into the dehydrating column 5, and there is consequently a more effective separation of the alcohol from the water. By providing a system of this character in which the several parts of the system operate without a great degree of dependence upon one another it is possible to conduct the process with great uniformity and in such a way that the failure of any portion of the system to function temporarily would not interfere with the effective operation of the system as a whole.

The method just described produces anhydrous alcohol containing less than 0.10 per cent of water. The product has been shown by spectro-photographic methods to be

chemically equivalent to any alcohol now produced on a commercial scale. The cost of benzol is small. The supervision required is but an occasional notice from one man on a shift whose time is divided among several other stills. Altogether the operation runs very smoothly.

For permission to write about the development of this process for manufacturing anhydrous alcohol and for the use of extensive reference files, notes and translations the writer acknowledges his debt to the management, scientific and technical staff of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Company.

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# Developments in the Braunkohle Industry of Germany

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THE BRAUNKOHLÉ lignite beds which are found in Middle-Germany, particularly near Halle, Bitterfeld and Magdeburg, as well as in the Rhineland, in Saxony and in the Lausitz, are becoming a great industrial asset to Germany. The total lignite production in 1926 amounted to over 140 million tons. This for the most part was obtained from open-cut working, although there are also a number of underground mines. A characteristic property of German lignite is the high water content which varies from 50 to 60 per cent. For the most part these beds lie 15 to 20 meters from the surface and vary from 18 to as high as 100 meters in thickness. The veins are usually flat and therefore permit open-cut or "Tagebau" workings.

A characteristic method for open-cut work is to remove the overburden in two layers and also to mine the coal in the same way. Approximately one-half of the overburden is removed by what is termed an overhead, or "Loeffel," bagger, the remainder by an underslung, or "Eimer," bagger. In this way is secured a perfectly level working platform for both machines even though the upper and lower surfaces of the overburden and coal bed are quite uneven. By such methods more than 6,000 tons per day is no unusual output for a single mine.

The German utilization of the Braunkohle as fuel may be divided in three methods: (a) the burning of the Braunkohle directly without treatment, (b) the manufacture of briquettes from Braunkohle, (c) low temperature distillation, or carbonization.

As the Braunkohle contains such a high percentage of water and as it would not pay to transport a fuel of such

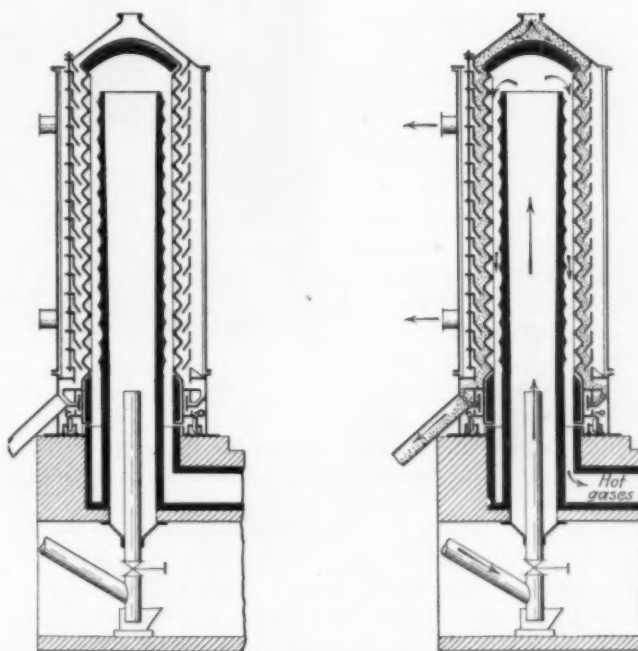


Fig. 2—Diagram Showing Construction of the Low Temperature Furnace

low calorific content over a long distance by rail its utilization without treatment must of necessity occur near the mine, or as far as possible, at the mine itself. This is being accomplished notably at several large electrical power stations built by the well-known A.E.G. The Braunkohle is burned without previous drying on sliding grates of a type developed particularly for this use, or after drying and crushing as pulverized fuel.

At present the greatest part of the Braunkohle is manufactured into briquettes. The coal is mined, screened and crushed and then dried in rotary tubular steam dryers. In this way a water content of approximately 50 per cent is reduced to that of 15 per cent. Because it does not properly briquette at the high temperature of about 100 deg. C. at which it leaves the dryers the coal is cooled in air-coolers to 30 or 35 deg. and is then ready for the presses. There is sufficient bitumen in the coal to act as a binder and therefore no binding material need be added. The coal is compressed into briquettes under a pressure of 1,600 atmospheres and comes out in a smooth, compact brick ready for use. Each machine is able to deliver, per die, 80 briquettes per minute, the equivalent of 1 centner or approximately 100 pounds.

While the raw coal has a calorific value of 2,600 cal. per kg., the briquettes have an approximate value of 4,800. The ash content is from 5 to 6 per cent. These

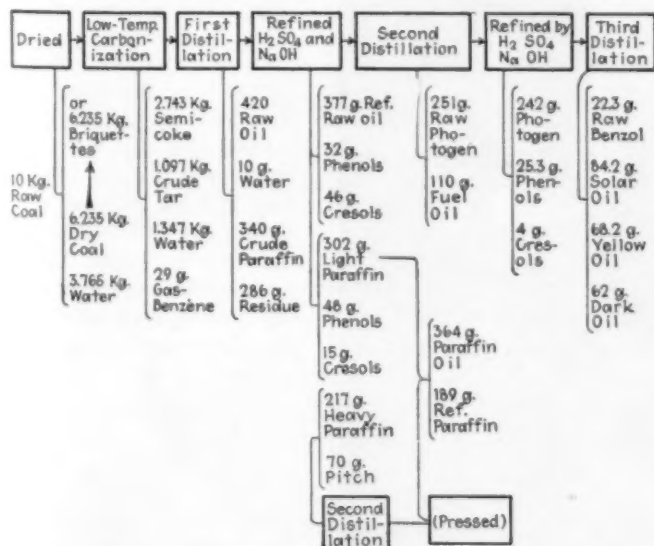


Fig. 1—Flow Sheet of Braunkohle Processing at Edderitz, Germany



briquettes make an excellent domestic fuel and furnish approximately 90 per cent of the fuel burned for household use throughout Germany.

Low temperature distillation of the Braunkohle is perhaps the newest and most interesting method of treating this difficult raw material. The most recent development in low temperature carbonization is that of the Kohlenveredlung A.-G., Berlin. While experimentation on the type of furnace now in use by this concern has been going on for several years, it is only within the last year that this process can be said to have become commercially successful. The furnace, as shown in Fig. 2, may be described briefly as a central combustion chamber much like a Bunsen burner, but having a down draft which carries the flame to an outer cast-iron revolving turret of alternate convex and concave cylindrical form. Surrounding this and about 2 to 3 in. from it, is a stationary cylindrical casing having similar convolutions, and which may be covered with heat insulating material. The finely ground Braunkohle passes between these two cylinders and is carried from one convolution to the other by the motion of the inner cylinder. The

retort is thus heated internally and the heat developed by the gas-burner must penetrate into the surrounding jacket of coal. The center of the retort is fitted with a special radiator of refractory material which also serves to direct the heating gas. The furnace is practically a continuous coal distilling device, with the coal flowing in at the top and out at the bottom. The actual time of passage of the coal through the furnace is about 18 minutes. The gases of distillation are drawn off by slight suction through vents in each convolution of the outer cylinder. In this way the gases are not subjected to continued heat and consequent "cracking," but leave the hot chamber almost as soon as generated. The flow of coal through the furnace is regulated by dampers at the bottom outlet. In this way the furnace is always full of coal and the amount that passes through can be accurately regulated. A furnace of this type will distill 100 tons of coal per day, whereas the capacity of the old type furnaces was somewhere between 5 and 10 tons. The products of distillation are as follows: Semi-coke, tar, water (containing ammonia in such dilution that it is not at present recovered) and crude benzol.

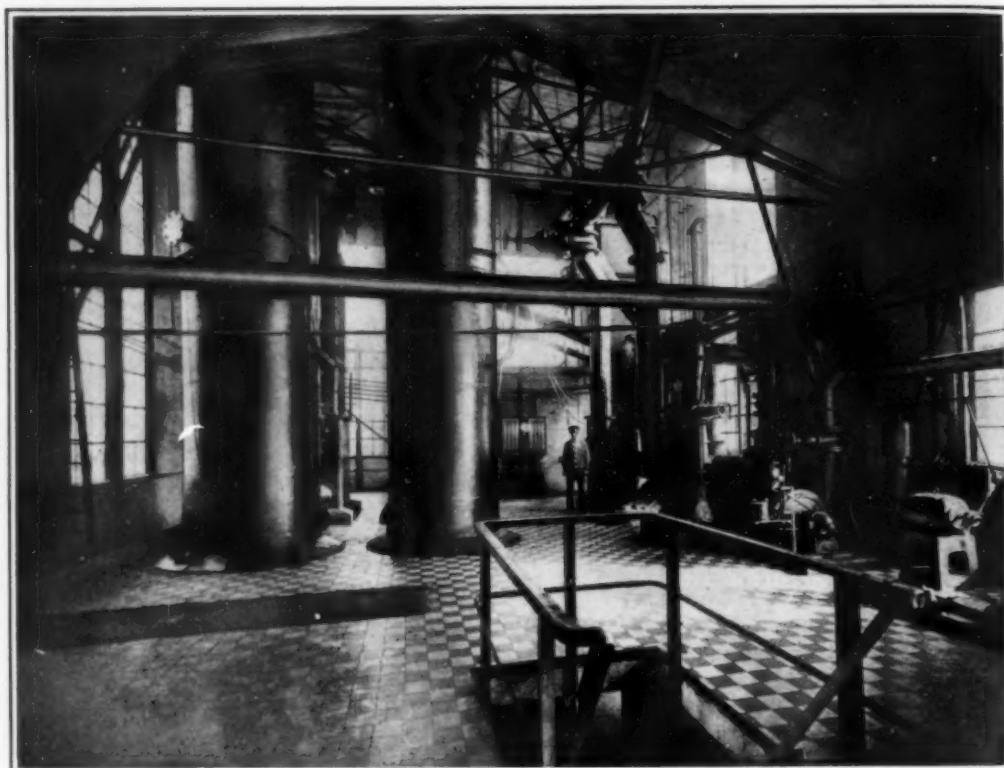


Fig. 4—Showing Part of the Low Temperature Distillation Plant at Edderitz  
Tar extractors are situated in the foreground with Cottrell precipitators in the rear

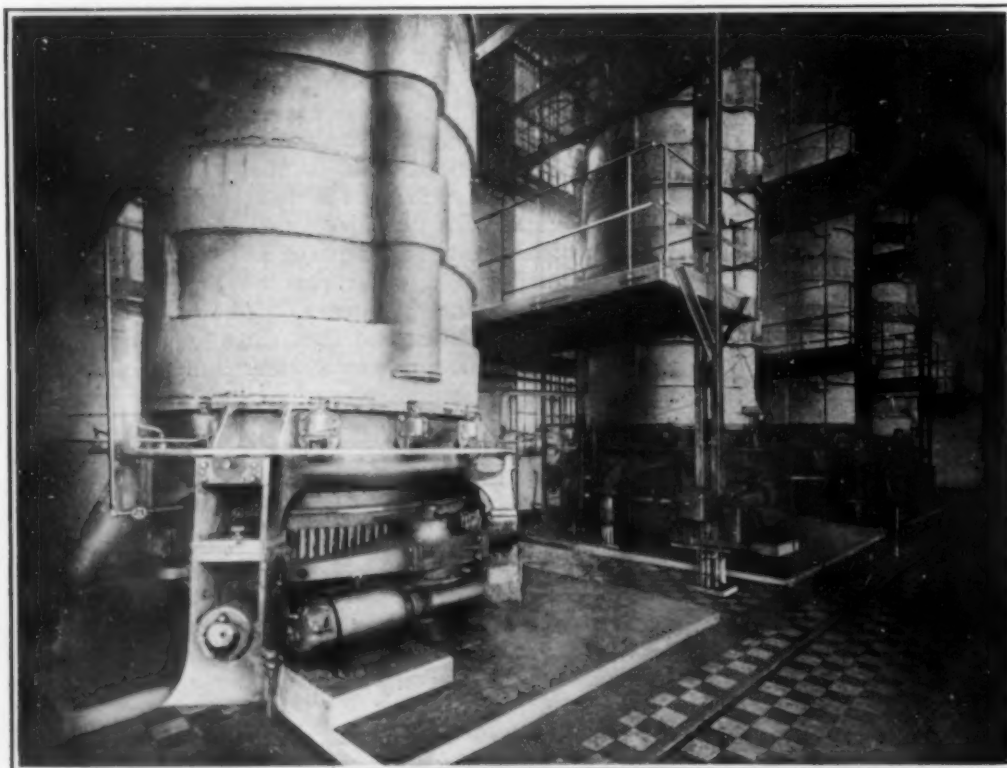


Fig. 3—Four 100-Ton Capacity Low Temperature Furnaces at Edderitz



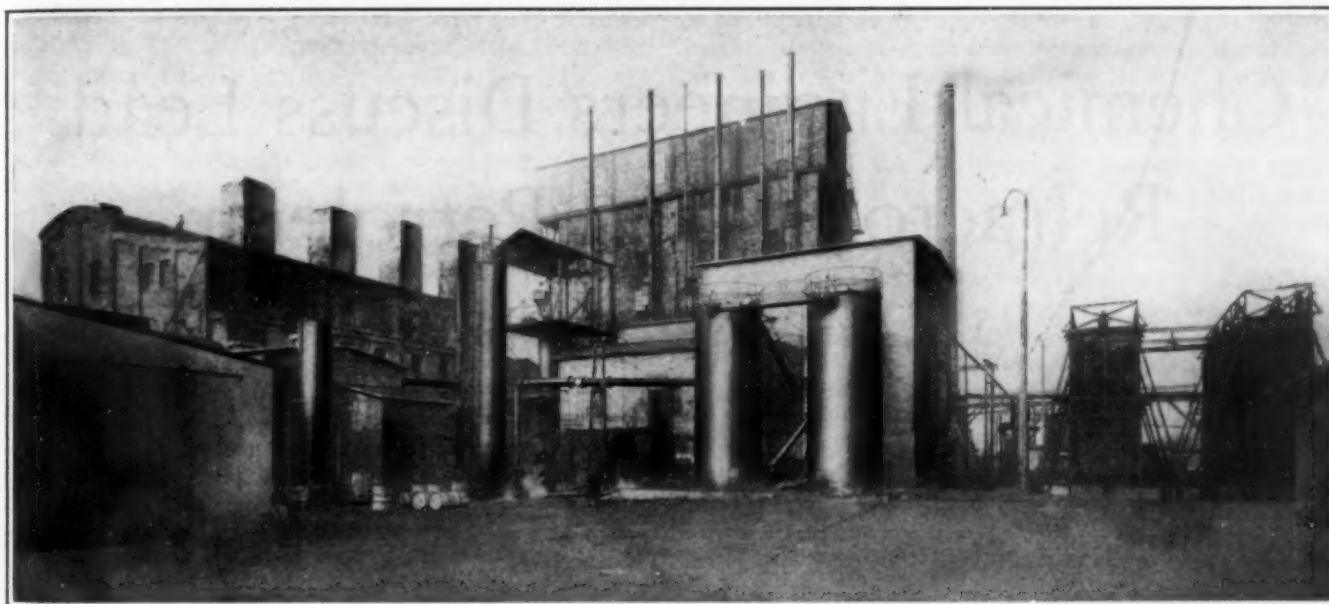


Fig. 5—General View of the Braunkohle Distillation Plant at Edderitz

The gases as they leave the furnace are first cooled in a tubular water cooler, cold water flowing counter-current to the gas. In this cooler most of the tar is precipitated. The cool gases next pass through a Cottrell electrostatic precipitator, where the remaining tar is removed. They then pass through a second cooler in which the water is condensed. From this cooler the gases pass through a benzol absorption tower, where the benzol is absorbed in light paraffin oil. The gases now contain about 25 per cent carbon dioxide and also sulphuretted hydrogen and other sulphur compounds. As only about one-half of the gas generated is necessary for heating the furnace, the remainder can be sold for domestic use. In this case it must first be cleaned of these obnoxious gases. This is done in a very simple manner. The gases are bubbled through water under a pressure of 15 to 20 atmospheres, after which the water is then aerated. Under pressure the water absorbs all of the sulphur compounds as well as somewhat more than 90 per cent of the carbon dioxide. When the pressure is released these gases escape into the air and the water may be re-used.

The tar is redistilled yielding benzol, gas oil, fuel oil and paraffin. It is also possible to manufacture lubricating oils from it. A flowsheet of the distillation process with yields per 10 kg. of Braunkohle is shown in Fig. 1. Braunkohle at the mine in open-cut workings costs approximately 2 marks per ton, whereas the semi-coke finds a ready market at 12 marks. With the tar valued at approximately 80 marks and gas benzol at 280, the value yield from one ton is as follows:

250 kg. semi-coke.....	3	marks
100 kg. crude tar.....	8	"
60 cu.m. gas.....	3	"
2.8 kg. of gas benzol.....	0.78	"
Total .....	14.78	marks

From the foregoing it appears that the low temperature carbonization of Braunkohle may yield a considerable profit, and from an economic standpoint, should be an industry well worth fostering.

In conclusion, it is evident that the furnace is the interesting feature of this new low temperature distillation process. The outstanding points are: (1) That

it is a continuous process, (2) that the coal is distilled in a very thin ribbon or layer, making for efficient heat transfer, (3) that the gases and vapors are drawn off into cooler compartments almost as soon as generated, (4) that the tar yield is high and of good quality, (5) that the semi-coke is granular, easily pulverized, quickly ignited and burns with a relatively long blue flame because of some 10 to 15 per cent residual gas content. That the furnace is commercially successful in brown coal distillation is evidenced by the fact that there are approximately 31 now in use or being built. From personal knowledge of the brown coals of the North Dakota region, the author is convinced that this furnace will work well with these coals, when allowances are made for the difference in characteristics; and it seems reasonable to anticipate that other lignites and, under modified conditions, even semi-bituminous coals, may yield also to the process.

### Manufacture of Formaldehyde by Oxidizing Hydrocarbons

High post-war prices of formaldehyde (£130 per ton in 1921) led the British Chemistry Research Board to undertake experiments on the production of this chemical by oxidation of hydrocarbons. The results of the investigation are now available through "Special Report No. 1—Chemistry Research," which summarizes the work officially as follows:

The experiments have been successful in showing how formaldehyde can be made in the form of a dilute solution; they have not, however, led to important commercial results in view of the greater success of the manufacture of methyl alcohol from mixtures of carbon monoxide and hydrogen, which has been one of the causes of the reduction in the price of formaldehyde to its present value of £40 per ton. Nevertheless, the Board thinks it desirable to place all the data on record, particularly as useful information has been obtained in connection with the concentration of dilute formaldehyde solutions.

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# Chemical Engineers Discuss Lead, Refractories and Petroleum

## *Editorial Staff Report*

**S**PIRIT of St. Louis assumed a new significance to nearly 200 members of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers who enjoyed the hospitality of that city during the twentieth semi-annual meeting, Dec. 5 to 8. Indicative of this "spirit" is the recent subscription, by local business men, of \$1,000,000 for a program of research to direct the city's industrial growth along sound economic lines. The home of about 200 companies producing chemicals and pharmaceuticals, and eleven clay-products plants, St. Louis offered much of interest to the visitors in addition to the great lead and ceramic industries which were formally visited. The sessions of the Institute were featured by three symposia, on natural gasoline, refractories and lead.

Opening the session on natural gasoline, B. T. Brooks, presiding, introduced Stewart P. Coleman, who spoke on "Recoverable Hydrocarbons from Natural Gas and their Relation to the Composition of Commercial Motor Fuel." This paper reported a series of tests run by the Humble Oil & Refining Co., in which the butane content, and hence the vapor pressure, of a number of shipments of gasoline was varied over a considerable range, and the corresponding effect on evaporation losses during shipment, storage and handling was carefully noted. It was found that over a range of gasoline vapor pressure up to 400 mm., the rate of change of evaporation loss is substantially linear with vapor pressure. Over the entire range a semi-logarithmic relation holds, so in either case, given the loss corresponding to one known vapor pressure, the entire loss-vapor pressure relationship may be predicted for the conditions in question. The author's recommendation was that hydrocarbons higher than butane should be recovered as motor fuel. The proportion of butane recovered should depend upon the composition of the gas, the relative value of butane as fuel gas or liquid motor fuel, the cost of recovery and the relationship existing between butane content of the final motor fuel blend and evaporation loss. The relationship between evaporation loss and

vapor pressure must be worked out for each set of distribution conditions as met. In any effect to incorporate the maximum quantity of butane into commercial gasoline with minimum increase in vapor pressure all casing-head gasoline added should contain as little propane and lighter ends as possible.

A report on the investigation being made by the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Michigan on blends of natural gasoline as a motor fuel, was presented by George Granger Brown. The properties and operating characteristics of various blends of motor fuel, have been examined with special reference to their volatility, power developed and anti-knock properties. The author pointed out that in spite of lowered selling prices the production of natural gasoline has expanded steadily and will probably exceed 1.5 billion gallons for 1927, representing over 11 per cent of the total gasoline production. The results of tests on fuels of varying natural gasoline content clearly indicate the importance of high partial volatility of motor fuels and the value of natural gasoline in improving engine performance and making starting easier. It has been noted that highly volatile fuels will give the best results on engines equipped with unheated manifolds, such as those used in aviation and racing. In motors thoroughly warmed up and operating with the full heat of the exhaust on the intake manifold, there is no noticeable difference in maximum power when fuel sold as U. S. Motor (ordinary) gasoline is used, or any of the more volatile blends of U. S. Motor fuel with different amounts of natural gasoline.

Interesting data on the volatility of various fuels were presented. The tests were made in the laboratory by the "equilibrium-air distillation method" of T. S. Sligh, which consists in vaporizing continuously a certain amount of fuel in the presence of a predetermined volume of air. The author concludes that high partial volatility at low temperatures is very desirable for easy starting and handling of cold motors. Total volatility does not appear





to warrant the emphasis it generally receives, particularly in fuels to be used in modern motors equipped with heated manifolds.

Studies of the anti-knock properties of natural gasoline indicate that natural gasoline in blends with ordinary motor fuel containing up to 40 or 50 per cent of natural gasoline, is in general about 0.4 as effective as an equal amount of benzene and is just as effective as the addition of one-half as much benzene. Studies of the relationship between volatility and anti-knock value show little difference in the anti-knock value of natural gasolines of the same volatility produced in different Eastern or Mid-Continent fields, but the more volatile natural gasolines possess greater anti-knock values.

A plant for the catalytic oxidation of petroleum in the vapor phase which has a capacity of 4,000 gal. of kerosene per day was described by W. P. Bitler and J. H. James. The product of the plant is the material from which the alcohol denaturant known as aldehyol is prepared. Formaldehyde is also recovered as hexamethylenetetramine. The authors have demonstrated that by oxidizing three cuts, naphtha, kerosene and wax distillate, they can prepare nitrocellulose solvents distilling through the whole range of "low boilers," "medium boilers," "high boilers," "plasticizers" and "softeners." The plant and its operation will be described in a later issue of *Chem. & Met.*

Reducing corrosion in petroleum distillation equipment by the introduction of alkaline solutions mixed with the charging oil was advocated by Gustav Egloff and Jacque C. Morrell. Extensive tests have shown that corrosion is reduced over 50 per cent by the use of amounts of chemicals that are relatively small in comparison with the quantities required to neutralize all the corrosive substances. The favored point of introduction of the reagent is the charging oil line leading to the dephlegmator or the heating tubes. The water evaporates from the alkaline solution in the dephlegmator, leaves the system with the oil vapors, condenses with the oil distillate, and collects with it in a receiver. The chemical reagent is dispersed in the oil and passes through the heating element to the vaporizing chamber. Details of the design and construction of equipment for the mixing, storage and injection of the alkaline solutions were given by the authors. The relative merits of ammonium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate and hydrated lime were discussed. While the choice of the particular reagent depends upon the type of oil and the method of operation, in general it has been found that sodium carbonate and lime are more economical than caustic soda. The advantages claimed by hydrated lime are that the heating tubes are more easily cleaned of coke and a smaller amount of "breeze" is formed.

The second day of the meeting was devoted to a joint session with the American Refractories Institute, the members of which were welcomed by E. R. Weidlein, who then turned over the chair to J. M. McKinley, president of the Refractories Institute. In a brief opening address, McKinley stressed the importance of applying the results of research in refractories. J. D. Ramsay, president of the Elk Fire Brick Company, reviewed the development of the refractories industry in America, pointing out that the period of "good-fellow selling" has been succeeded by an era of research wherein producers must strive for better refractories with longer life. He urged closer co-operation between users and producers, to the end that the latter may know more definitely what conditions their products will be required to meet.

Stuart M. Phelps, of the Mellon Institute, outlined the many avenues of refractories research which are being explored, from the purification of clays to the service record of brick. Chemical methods for the removal of iron are being investigated as a substitute for weathering. Another suggested method was the oxidation of iron to the magnetic oxide and subsequent separation by magnetic methods. Flotation methods can be applied to some clays. The interesting possibilities of chrome brick, of which the chief weakness is susceptibility to thermal shock, were discussed. Studies of various methods of grinding have established the desirability of angular grains, rather than the rounded grains produced by the usual wet mills. Interesting data were presented showing the effects of various gases on refractories, sulphur dioxide having been found to increase the crushing strength of magnesite and chrome brick 30 and 7 per cent respectively, suggesting the possibility of introducing this gas during firing.

R. K. Hursh described a laboratory furnace designed for testing fire brick under operating conditions. The test samples are used to line a rotating furnace, into which discharges a stream of molten slag, melted by a gas blast burner, duplicating the erosive action of normal operation, while the temperature gradient through the brick and other test conditions are carefully controlled. Slides showing the behavior of different refractories under the action of corrosive Illinois coal ash were displayed.

A comprehensive survey of the possibilities of aluminous refractories was presented by George A. Bole, of Ohio State University. The diasporic clays, which shrink, due to the inversion of diasporic to alpha corundum which has a higher specific gravity were discussed, with the interesting possibility of developing a catalyst which would hasten the formation of beta corundum, the specific gravity of which is almost equal to that of diasporic, thus eliminating shrinkage. Cyanite as a





source of mullite refractories was described as most promising, particularly to meet the increasing demand of electric furnace users for a combined heat insulator and refractory. The possibility of using stable dolomitic clinker as a monolithic basic lining for small furnaces and for cement in large linings was suggested, since this material has been found to contain di- and tri-calcium silicate, two of the constituents of portland cement.

M. E. Holmes outlined the manufacture of dead-burned dolomite for basic steel open hearth linings, describing extensive laboratory tests whereby the range of composition of stable clinker was definitely located in terms of per cent  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$  and dolomite. Having established the "stable" field (between the "dusting" field and the "slaking" field) between 5 and 11 per cent  $\text{SiO}_2$  and up to 12 per cent  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , attempts were made to produce stable clinker in this field in the plant. The addition of soda ash was found necessary to produce a stable clinker under large-scale conditions. It was also found that the soda ash increased the density of the clinker and in addition, reduced stack losses enough to pay for itself.

In the symposium which followed the formal program R. A. Sherman discussed the tendency to replace refractory boiler settings by water-cooled walls, pointing out that the failure of manufacturers to produce refractories capable of withstanding the severe conditions of modern boiler practice has cost them a large part of this business. Gustav Egloff enumerated the qualities required of refractories for petroleum stills, weighting non-spalling quality, uniform size and ability to retain rigidity as more important in this case than refractory quality. J. C. Olsen recalled promising results in decreasing the corrosive action of ash by introducing lime with powdered coal boiler fuel.

G. W. Thompson presided over the symposium on lead on the morning of Dec. 8. George O. Hiers reported the results of varied tests on the physical properties of very pure lead, compared to ordinary chemical lead and southeast Missouri desilverized lead. Comparatively large quantities of the pure lead were prepared for the purpose of these tests by electro-deposition, using every precaution to prevent contamination. Yield point, tensile strength and Brinnell numbers were higher for castings of chemical lead than for the pure metal or the Missouri samples. The safe limit of length for a lead pipe of uniform cross-section supported freely in a vertical position from the top was set by the speaker at 71 ft., at 25 deg. C., allowing a factor of safety of 5. Elaborate tests of samples under continuous load and subjected to repeated heating and cooling also indicated the superiority of chemical lead. Pure lead, however, showed somewhat more resistance to corrosion in hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, and Heller's solution (40 per cent lead acetate and 10 per cent nitric acid.) The speaker suggested that the copper present in chemical lead may account for the marked increase in strength chemical lead shows over very pure lead and suggested the hypothesis that copper may inhibit grain growth.

The "use of lead compounds in rubber manufacture" by J. R. Sheppard discussed the stress-strain curve of rubber and the effect on it of fillers, time of cure, temperature and the addition of accelerators. Litharge as a compounding ingredient was discussed in detail, and the mechanism of the accelerating action of litharge by the formation of the polysulphide and free active sulphur was described.

A. E. Marshall prefaced his paper on the use of lead in sulphuric acid manufacture by an interesting sketch of the development of the acid manufacturing processes from the Alchemical method of roasting copperas to the utilization of lead chambers in 1746, since which time the development of the art is part of literature. The first use of lead chambers in America was made in 1793 by John Harrison of Philadelphia who, in 1807, offered "rectified" acid at \$300 per ton. Of the 7,000,000,000 tons (50 deg. Bé.) annual production of the United States, approximately 75 per cent is derived from lead chamber plants. About 100,000 tons of lead are used in the chambers, towers, coolers, pipes, etc., by the plants producing this acid. The statement of old chamber operators that the chemical sheet lead of 30 years ago lasted two or three times as long as modern chambers probably rises from the fact that the operating chamber space of 30 or 40 years ago averaged between 20 and 25 cu.ft. per pound of sulphur compared with 4 to 12 cu.ft. today.

In a second paper on "The Use of Lead in Processes Employing Sulphuric Acid," the same author compared the merits of lead lined and "lead coated" apparatus. The difficulties of "burning" a satisfactory lead lining in various kinds of special equipment were mentioned and attempts of various manufacturers to produce a bonded lead lining on iron and steel were outlined. In some cases the shell is tinned, flow-coated with a special solder and the lead lining fitted and heated to a point where the solder melts. In the Zeitler process, the same principle is used with the addition of a tinned wire mesh liner which is riveted to the shell and serves as a reinforcing member in the lead. Another method is based on the use of special flux, after the application of which the shell is dipped into molten lead. Bonded lead linings are giving satisfactory service in vacuum evaporators.

The use of lead in mechanical engineering practice was discussed by Owen W. Ellis who tabulated the relative density, hardness, plasticity and tensile strength of the commoner metals. By dividing the limit of proportionality of lead, in lb. per sq.in. by density, in lb. per cu.in., the speaker arrived at the "specific limit of proportionality," giving 40 ft. as the maximum length of a piece of lead of uniform cross section which could be suspended without fear of its creeping. An interesting point in connection with the plasticity of lead which is of some importance in connection with the design of pipe joints, was discussed. Whereas the limit of proportionality of the metal is as low as 200 lb. per sq.in., yet under certain circumstances it may apparently be raised. This is so because the compressive stress required to cause its plastic flow is raised as the ratio of the initial area under compression to the thickness of the metal is increased. This can be explained by assuming that the friction between the surfaces of the metal under compression and the methods by means of which compression is applied prohibit the free flow of the metal until loads well in excess of the normal limits of proportionality have been reached. Thus, in the case of wide gaskets of thin sheet lead, compressive stresses of the order of 3,200 lbs. per sq.in. at least, must be applied if flow of the metal in the joint is to be guaranteed. Various binary and ternary alloys of lead were discussed with particular reference to their physical properties.

Rather convincing laboratory evidence of their contention that filter aids function not merely by increasing the porosity of the filter cake, but also by virtue of their

adsorptive activity was presented by H. L. Olin, N. A. Skow, and Louis Zapf. The addition of supposedly inert filter aids such as fullers earth, Darco, Filter Cel, Super Cel, peanut-hull meal and Norit, causes an increase in the hydrogen ion concentration of colloidal solutions, due to adsorption by the filter aids. Determination of the polarity of filter aids when suspended in water and of their adsorptive capacity for such organic colors as benzopurpurin, basic fuchsin, acid fuchsin, methylene blue, etc., showed that adsorption takes place only when the adsorbent carries a charge of sign opposite to that of the substance adsorbed.

## Factors in the Design of Heat Transmission Equipment\*

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**H**HEAT transmission equipment represents an important item of expense in natural gasoline plants. Designing engineers have frequently found it difficult to correlate test data with results predicted on the basis of formulas which are known to be dependable under other conditions. In consequence, design has had to be based largely on empirical rules, applicable only under limited conditions. This is particularly unfortunate wherever the designer is anxious to get the best possible correlation of plant elements from the point of view of economic balance. During the last few months certain factors have been brought to light in other fields which undoubtedly play an important part in natural gasoline technique. It is the purpose of this paper to call attention to these factors, in the hope that an appreciation of them may help engineers in this industry in the interpretation and utilization of the data available.

One of the important heat transmission problems of the natural gasoline plant is the cooling of gases so rich in high boiling constituents that condensation occurs during the cooling process. In the past it has generally been assumed that this cooling takes place in two stages—the removal of the superheat, followed by further cooling accompanied by condensation. The first stage involved in general a relatively high temperature difference but a low coefficient of heat transmission, whereas in the second stage the available temperature difference was low but the coefficient high. Furthermore, the total amount of heat removed in the first stage was small and in the second, large. Under special conditions all this may be true, but very frequently it is not, as an analysis of the underlying factors ought to have shown us long ago.

Consider the case of a highly superheated mixture of gas and condensable vapor traveling through a condenser tube, the outside of which is cooled with cold water. Under any normal conditions the thermal resistance between the water and the exterior surface of the tube is low and that of the tube itself even lower. Consequently the inner surface of the tube will be at a temperature very little above that of the cooling water. Now, on this inner wall of the tube there is a relatively stationary film of gas which insulates the wall itself from the main body of the gas. Through this film there is a temperature gradient, and the temperature of the gas in actual contact

with the metal wall is that of the wall itself. Obviously, this wall temperature may very well be below the temperature of condensation of the gas, despite the fact that the main body of gas travelling through the pipe is far above its dew point. In such case, condensation will occur on the metal wall. This will coat the wall with a liquid film of condensate, which serves still further to insulate the gas from the cooling water. However, under many conditions, the resistance of this liquid film is low in comparison with that of the gas film, but whether this be true or not, condensation will occur and the liquid will exist whenever conditions are such that the temperature of the inner surface of the pipe wall is below the dew point of the gas. In other words, condensation of a gas can start long before the gas as a whole has been cooled down to its dew point.

That this sort of thing occurs has recently been demonstrated experimentally by a number of investigations. Thus, in the determination in this laboratory of the coefficient of heat transmission between a mixture of air and steam and the metal wall of a pipe past which the mixture was flowing, the mixture had an original dew point of 180 deg. F., the temperature of the mixture even after cooling being, however, 40 deg. higher than this, namely 220 deg. The cooling water temperature was at no point over 120 deg. However, there was realized a transmission coefficient over tenfold what one would anticipate in view of the pipe diameter and gas velocity. Furthermore, water was condensed in the pipe and a stream of liquid flowed from it.

Theoretical analysis of the problem shows that in such case, if one plot the saturation curve with temperature as abscissae and humidity expressed as pounds of vapor per pound of dry condensable gas as ordinates, the path followed by the cooling and condensing gas-vapor mixture should be a straight line, provided conditions are such that the surface temperature of the liquid film on the pipe existing between the pipe and the gas be constant. It follows from this that the heat absorbed by the cooling medium from the gas per degree of temperature drop of the gas mixture as a whole is nearly, though not quite, constant throughout the range. In other words, conditions are not at all those ordinarily assumed. In the first place, condensation takes place from the start and not merely at the end of the process. Furthermore, the heat lost by the gas in the early stages of cooling is as great as that lost later. Finally, the gas as a whole never becomes saturated until condensation is substantially complete, although during the later stages of cooling it very closely approaches the saturated condition.

While it is plain that these conditions are never perfectly realized in the recovery plant, they are by no means hypothetical assumptions of no interest to the natural gasoline engineer. Thus, in the water-sprayed pipe coolers used in so many plants, the water on the exterior surface of the pipe is cooled to such a degree by atmospheric evaporation that these conditions are at least approximate. It is true that during the early stages of cooling, while the gas is still hot, the water is relatively hot also. However, this is a point at which the temperature difference is large and if the cooling water temperature be assumed constant at a value equal to that at the cold end of the cooler, the error in determining the overall temperature difference is not serious. Furthermore even allowing for the higher temperature of the water at the hot end, pipe wall temperature at that point is likely to be below the dew point of the gas and con-

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densation therefore starts in at a very early stage of cooling. It can easily be shown that, granting the conditions outlined in the preceding paragraph, the average effective temperature difference between cooling water and gas in such a cooler is the logarithmic mean of the temperature differences at the ends of the unit. There can be no doubt but that the use of the logarithmic mean in this case, employing the actual temperature differences at the two ends, is a far more dependable method of estimating heat transmission coefficients than the assumptions hitherto employed.

It is important to keep a second point in mind. The heat transmitted through the gas film is only the sensible heat of the gas and does not include the heat of condensation of the vapor. The reason for this is that the vapor travels through the gas film to the liquid layer on the surface of the pipe by diffusion in the vapor state, actual condensation occurring on the surface of the liquid film. Therefore the heat of condensation is liberated inside the gas film and hence does not have to travel through it. If now, one grant that the thermal resistances of water film on the outside of the cooling surface, of the metal wall and of the liquid film on the inside are all negligible in comparison with that of the gas film, it follows that one should calculate the heat transmission on the assumption that the sensible heat only of the gas is given up. It is true that the heat of condensation may be far greater in amount than the sensible heat of the gas but it takes care of itself, because there would be inappreciable thermal resistance between the point where it is liberated and the point where it is absorbed in the cooling medium. This does not mean that one can neglect this heat of condensation in calculating the amount of the cooling medium, but only in calculating the necessary surface for heat transmission by the use of the gas film conductivity coefficient. One must also keep in mind the fact that the sensible heat of the vapor is largely conducted through the gas film. Since condensation is linear with temperature drop, it follows that half of the sensible heat of the vapor condensed goes through the gas film by pure conduction. However, in the hotter parts of the system, the vapor diffusion through the film to a degree carries its sensible heat with it. It is probably a satisfactory approximation to assume that the heat thus carried is half the remainder, i.e., that the heat to be removed by pure conduction is three-fourths of the sensible heat of the vapor.

So long as condensation is occurring, the thickness of the liquid film and therefore its thermal conductivity does not vary much with the amount of the condensation, because this thickness is determined by the readiness with which the condensate drains off the surface down to the lowest point of the pipe. Thus it is found that for given conditions of cooling water temperature, pipe size and gas velocity, a gas condensing, roughly, fifteen gallons per thousand, will require double the condensing surface of a far leaner gas producing only a little condensate. Now the fifteen gallons of condensate will weigh approximately 75 pounds and have a specific heat of about 0.6, or a heat capacity of 45 B.t.u. per degree. Granting that three-fourths of this must be transmitted through the gas film by conduction, this means 34 B.t.u. per degree of cooling. Now the non-condensable gas is  $1,000/380 = 2.63$  lb. mols. This gas will, in general, have a heat capacity of from 12 to 15 B.t.u. per lb. mol., or 31 to 40 B.t.u. per degree of cooling. In other words, that part of the sensible heat of the condensate which must be conducted through the gas film just about equals the

sensible heat of the gas itself and therefore doubles the heat transmission load on the apparatus. However, the heat of condensation of the liquid would be at least equal to the sum of the sensible heat of both gas and vapor. Were this included, it would double the apparent overall coefficient of heat transmission.

It is entirely possible to cool and condense a gas-vapor mixture by the mechanism ordinarily assumed. Thus, if in the early stages of cooling one employ a cooling medium not too much lower in temperature than the gas, i.e., above its dew point, no condensation will occur until saturation is reached. Once the gas is saturated, further cooling tends to keep it on the saturation line. When cooling a hot gas with a cold medium, the condensate is formed at a low temperature and from a cold gas, despite the fact that the body of the gas as a whole is hot. Consequently the high boiling constituents tend to condense preferentially to a greater degree than when the cooling medium employed is higher in temperature, i.e., the condensate contains less dissolved low-boiling components. This is because the differences in relative volatility of components of different boiling points increase at lower temperatures. Thus, all of these factors operate in favor of lower temperature of the cooling medium.

Another important factor the significance of which in recovery operations is often overlooked, is the influence of heat transmission on liquid friction, i.e., on the pressure drop through pipes and conduits. If one determines the pressure drop through an oil heater, one finds that the friction is considerably less than one would be led to anticipate from the ordinary formulas, even though the temperature be averaged carefully both longitudinally and radially. Conversely, in an oil cooler, the friction drop is high. Furthermore, this error can amount to over 100 per cent, i.e., in an oil cooler the pressure may be double what one would anticipate from the ordinary formulas, even allowing for the temperature change as indicated above. This is particularly true, if, as is so often the case, conditions are such that the motion of the liquid in the pipe is viscous in character.

The explanation of these phenomena is undoubtedly the following: If a liquid flowing through a pipe is being heated, the film of liquid immediately adjacent to the pipe wall is the hottest part of the whole fluid. Owing to its high temperature its viscosity is a minimum. Now this film is an exceedingly important factor in determining the friction of the fluid as a whole. Owing to its low viscosity, it serves in a sense as a lubricant to eliminate friction between the core of fluid flowing through the middle of the pipe and the pipe wall. Consequently, the pressure drop is abnormally low. Similarly, if the oil is being cooled, this surface layer is excessively viscous and since, per unit radial thickness, this layer transmits more oil than any other, the pressure drop becomes correspondingly high. This laboratory is working on a theoretical study of the problem and hopes to be able to present a workable engineering solution in the not too distant future. In the meanwhile the factor is one which the designing engineer must not ignore.

It is obvious that real progress in the development of the technique of gasoline recovery must be based upon a quantitative knowledge of the influence of plant conditions upon operating results. It is the conviction of the writer, based upon considerable experience in the industry, that it is most helpful to form the habit of analyzing the process under study so far as possible into its ultimate mechanism and using this visualization as a basis of quantitative interpretation of the results.



# Classification of Air-Transported Pulverized Solids

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**A**IR SEPARATION has to do with the sizing of finely pulverized materials through the medium of air or other gas. The term "Air Separation" is, in reality, a misnomer, since a strict definition of this phrase would mean separation of the material from the air, such as is done in many industrial cases for removal of sawdust, sweepings, and the like from the air, without respect to any sizing action. The subject is better termed "Air Classification," and I will henceforth thus refer to it.

Materials have been separated through the medium of air for centuries. The principle commonly employed was to blow the material to be classified into a chamber in which were located a number of bins. Since the finer particles remained in suspension longer, they were conveyed by the air over to the far bins before they dropped to the bottom, while the coarser particles, having less exposed surface opposed to the air, and consequently less frictional resistance per unit of mass, dropped into the bins nearest the point of entrance. This method of classification is good, crude as it may seem. However, a great deal of space is required when the work is considerable, and the layout does not lend itself to continuous operation with modern methods of grinding and handling large quantities of materials.

The other main principles of classifying by the use of air are through the effect of centrifugal force which increases the apparent specific gravity of the particle, and through the inertia of the particle when forced to change direction under a high velocity head. The classification rate per unit of volume can be increased many times over the straight settlement method described above, where the effect of centrifugal force and inertia can be utilized in classification equipment.

In Fig. 1, the straight settlement principle is illustrated, wherein gravity produces the classifying action, since the entering velocity is so small as to be negligible in this instance. Fig. 2 depicts one method of producing classification through utilizing centrifugal force.

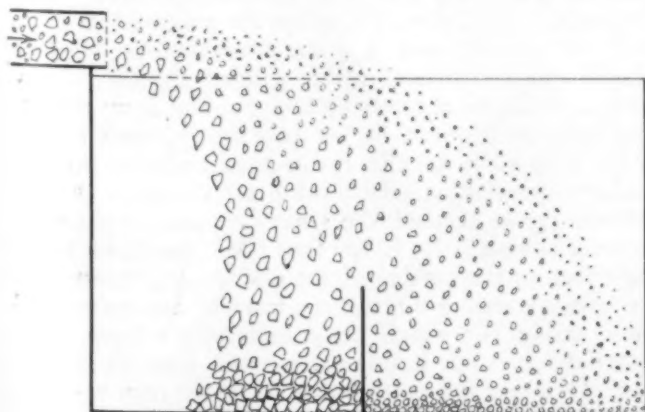


Fig. 1—Straight Settlement Gravity Air Classifier

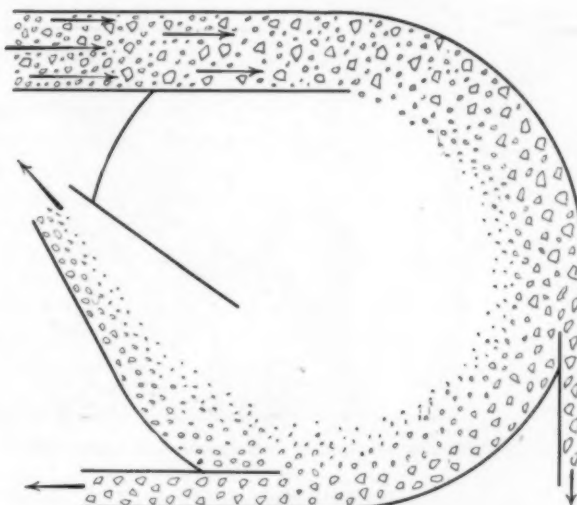


Fig. 2—Elementary Centrifugal Air Classifier

Fig. 3, while somewhat similar in appearance to Fig. 1, utilizes both the principle of inertia and of gravity in that the coarse particles, having greater mass than the fine, will be deflected less by the cross current of air.

It is not necessary to go into greater detail here, as all of the actions so far described are apparent to any engineer. We all realize, also, that the ratio between exposed surface of a solid and its volume increases as the volume decreases. In other words, a 200 mesh particle has many more times the surface exposed per unit of weight or volume than does the 20 mesh particle, and it is this fact that has made the principle of settlement by gravity possible. We all know that a large particle traveling at a high velocity will not tend to change its direction as readily as a smaller particle traveling at the same speed; but what is not so generally known is the fact that air currents have within themselves eddy currents which are produced (a) by friction in the pipe through which the air and material pass, (b) by change in direction produced through going around bends, and (c) through change in velocity on entering a more or less confined chamber. If these eddy currents could be eliminated, or their action predicted, the subject of air classification would be a simple one, but as it is next to impossible to determine accurately by formula what will take place in a given container, it is a matter of trial, as one eddy current sets up counter cross currents and the action is extremely complex.

When we operate under an appreciable velocity head, such as is illustrated in Fig. 2, the eddy currents can be reduced to a considerable extent. In most of the air classifiers used in commercial work today, the principles of gravity and inertia both are employed. A description of the more important types will be given shortly.

The principal difficulties which must be met in design-

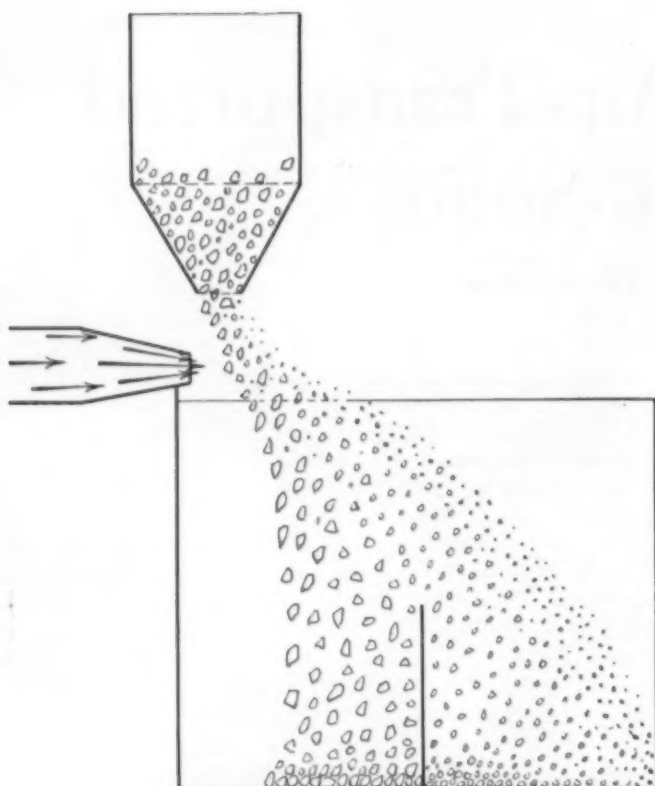


Fig. 3—Elementary Gravity and Inertia Air Classifier

ing and operating a device for the purpose of air-classifying materials are:

- (a) Avoiding eddy currents to the greatest possible extent.
- (b) Keeping the fine product out of the coarse.
- (c) Keeping the coarse product out of the fine.
- (d) Making compensations necessary to overcome the change in physical characteristics due to moisture in the air and in the material.

The variation in moisture, with all other conditions held constant, is often sufficient to disarrange the entire operation, since the minute particles of moisture on the material not only change the apparent specific gravity, and hence settling rate, but also act as a binder for aggregates of particles. With an appreciable quantity of moisture, a number of fine particles will cling together as one and will act in the same manner as coarse particles, with the consequent result that very inefficient classification takes place.

The methods used in designing and operating efficient air classifiers have, as prime considerations, positive control of the air currents at all times; proper proportioning of areas and volumes to produce as few cross currents as possible; proper design of all shapes, so that where directions of the air and material must change, as little loss of energy as possible results and no settling of the wrong size of material takes place. Methods must be employed to re-clean the coarse material of any fines which settle out with it, as it is very nearly impossible to operate any air classifier without causing a certain amount of fines to settle out with the oversize. It is equally essential that no oversize beyond the allowable limits, ever go over with the fines. And last, but by no means least, the moisture must be kept as low as possible in order to produce maximum separation efficiency. This can be controlled either by removing the moisture before the material enters the classifier, or by the use of a sufficient degree of heat in the classifier to raise the dew

point to a degree where no precipitation of moisture can take place on the fine particles.

There may literally be said to be hundreds of different designs of air classifiers, many of which are quite efficient, but of limited use. I will indicate here the principles of only a few types, and describe briefly their functions and application.

The well-known gravity principle, in which the material-laden air enters a chamber, either through a round pipe or a flared oblong opening is still used; however, with means for creating as uniform an air current through the chamber as is possible. The entering velocity is kept low, so that there will be no appreciable inertia, and all of the classification is done by gravity. The coarse particles settle first and the fines last. The air is then removed at the far end of the chamber and still contains extreme fines which will either be allowed to go to waste, or may be collected through other means such as a bag filter, where the fines remain in the bag and the air passes through. Periodically, the bag must be cleaned, since the collection of fines on the surface gradually causes the filter to become impervious, when all action will cease; but by removing the pressure from the bag and shaking periodically, it is cleaned and may continue in service.

The well-known cyclone collector is often used as a classifier as well as an air separator. The air, carrying the material, enters a drum-shaped portion through a pipe tangent to the periphery of the cyclone at the top. This air must enter at a reasonably high velocity in order to produce the proper classifying effect. Within the separator there is set up a cyclonic action which increases the apparent specific gravity of the particles many times over the actual, and hence they are thrown to the outside and slide along the surface of the drum portion and then of a conical portion, dropping down through the action of gravity to the base and out a bottom discharge. The air and extremely fine particles which were not thrown to the sides are drawn up through an uptake pipe which extends well down into the drum portion, and out of the classifier. If a finer product is desired, a second cyclone may be employed and extreme fines removed, if required, by the means already described. This cyclone classifier is used extensively for the actual removal of particles from the air, without the use of a bag filter, as it is the most efficient device of its kind, consistent with a simple and inexpensive design. It is not, however, an efficient classifier, as fines are also thrown out with the coarse particles, but under certain conditions it can be used with some success for this purpose.

With reference to Fig. 4, we find a variety of air classifier which has met with considerable favor for a good many years, since it employs the principle of settlement by gravity, and in some combinations, by both gravity and centrifugal force, without the use of any outside device to remove the fine material from the air. The material enters a hollow tube at (a) onto a plate (b). This plate usually revolves in order to produce uniform distribution. In flowing off the plate (b) the material passes through the space between the plate and an inner section (c). Large fans (dd), produce a whirling effect on the outside of the casing (c), drawing the air from the casing through the material and on into the outer casing (e) which has considerable volume. The material settles out in this volume and down to the bottom (f) where it is withdrawn. The air then re-enters the inner chamber (c), first being screened by baffles (h), to remove as much of the fines still remaining in the



air as possible. Here it again passes up through the material. The oversize or coarse particles which were not drawn up with this up-coming stream of air through the casing slide on down into the coarse product pipe (g) and out of the system. In other types, a whirling effect inside of the casing (c) also, is produced by a second set of fans revolving in this casing, which throws the coarse material to the side by centrifugal force. This type of classifier is self-contained and requires but a relatively small amount of power, and has met with favor in many instances where a fine, uniform product is desired, either when operating in conjunction with a pulverizer where bucket elevators and other auxiliary apparatus can be employed, or where a product, such as finely disseminated and dried clay, is to be classified for various industrial uses.

Fig. 5 illustrates still another type of classifier, and one which is particularly adapted to use in conjunction with pulverizers, and where an absolutely positive control of the fineness must be maintained at all times. Here the air and material to be classified enter at (a) at the bottom and pass up in the annular space between the outer and inner cone. As there is considerable area between the two cones, the velocity is reduced, and the coarser particles settle out and down into the pocket (b). The balance of the material and all of the air pass on to the top of the outer cone at which point are located a number of twisted flights or tangentially inclined blades which whirl the material and air at this point. This creates a cyclonic action and throws down the coarse particles into the inner cone (c). In most instances the angle of the blades is adjustable to obtain an adjustment in size of the rejected material. The fine particles and air pass up and out of the system at (d). The oversize or coarser particles which settle down to the bottom of the inner cone (c), drop out once more against the up-coming air current from (a), and any fine particles which settle out with the coarse are again swept back up the classifier and are not allowed to drop into the pocket (b); hence the material dropping into (b) is uniform and granular, and the collection efficiency is high. This type of classifier is capable of producing not only a very clean oversize, but an extremely fine product. In some cases where conditions demand, products as fine as 100 per cent through 200 mesh and from 98 per cent to 99 per cent through 325 mesh have been secured.

In conclusion a few remarks

concerning design of classifying equipment will not be out of place. The study of air classification in general requires not only knowledge of engineering principles, but is also one involving a great amount of experimentation, as it is mathematically impossible to make predictions as to what can be done, even though all of the conditions possible are given. A few of the more important factors upon which fairly definite figures can be given are outlined below:

- (1) When material containing particles as coarse as 10 mesh, is to be conveyed by air to the separator, a velocity of 4,000 ft. per min. should be maintained. Where the coarsest particles do not exceed 65 mesh, a velocity of 3,000, and sometimes even 2,000, ft. per min. is sufficient to keep the material in suspension.
- (2) It is possible to convey ground materials, at a rate of from 7 to 10 cu.ft. per lb. of material moved, a distance of approximately 100 ft. by the standard exhaust fan designed for such purposes.
- (3) Much larger quantities of air per lb. of material are required for classification. The finer the product and the more efficient the classification, the greater is the quantity of air needed. To classify coal when the feed to the separator is from 40 to 50 per cent through 200 mesh, and the fine product desired is 75 per cent through 200 mesh, from 30 to 50 cu.ft. of air per lb. of fine coal are required, depending upon the type and efficiency of the classifier used. To take the same feed and deliver a product of 95 per cent through 200 mesh, from 60 to 100 cu.ft. of air per lb. of fines are needed.

It is readily seen from the above that to convey material takes but a portion of the air and power that is required in classifying. It is also apparent that in both conveying and classifying it is important to avoid sharp bends and excessive velocities, since both cause losses which consume power and produce increased wear on the system at these points, especially when abrasive materials are handled.

The figures given above are rough approximations only, since local conditions and different methods used will alter them considerably. The safest procedure in any case is experimentation. Through operation and test data secured from hundreds of different installations, it has been possible, with a reasonable degree of accuracy, to predict by the use of empirical formulas, what a classifier can do under definite conditions. But to try to work out specific cases through untried devices is physically impossible.

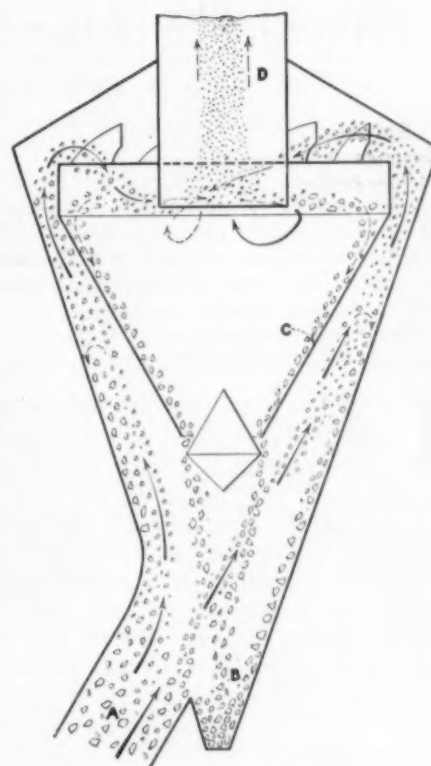


Fig. 5—Modern Centrifugal, Gravity and Inertia Classifier

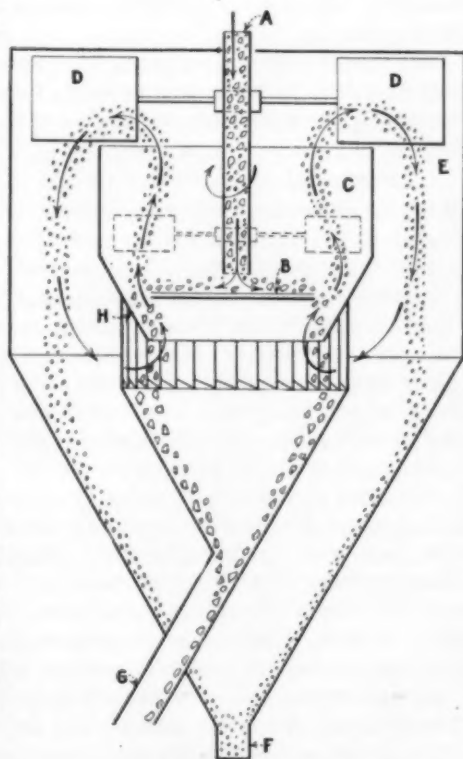


Fig. 4—Modern Gravity Classifier

## Avoidance of the Obvious

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *An executive in one of our chemical industries wrote the following "sermon" for his own amusement—perhaps as a form of retribution after making some of the mistakes he warns us against. Later the manuscript fell into the hands of some of his associates who proceeded to incorporate it into the prescribed course of instruction for all employees engaged in chemical research and chemical engineering development. Its moral, however, is just as applicable to many other forms of endeavor.*

IT WAS THE PROFOUND NEWTON, whose mental efforts gave us an organized conception of several of Nature's laws, who is reported to have cut two holes in the bottom of his door; the large one for the cat and the small one for the kitten. The mind that mastered the obscure did not protect its owner from a ridiculous oversight of the obvious fact that the cat's child could readily use the cat's door. It is the professor, whose mental capacity exceeds that of the common lot, who looks everywhere for his glasses while they are on his nose. When the affluent research chemist experiences motor trouble on his way to work, he is very apt to raise the hood of the car and dissect the engine. After getting himself thoroughly dirty he examines the gasoline tank to find that it is dry.

To use an Hibernianism, it seems very hard for us to see the thing that is apparent. We seem instinctively to seek the thing that is hidden and, in research, our avoidance of the obvious often makes us choose the hardest road to success. The gasoline automobile did not appear until many centuries after *homo sapiens* had left his home in the trees, but it was some years after the first automobiles were in use before the designing engineers thought to take the whip stock from the dashboard. Eventually the dashboard itself disappeared.

The writers of detective stories frequently develop the fact that the safest place to hide an object is in plain sight. Officers, who search a house for hidden money, may tear the bedding to shreds, rip up every floor board, and excavate the entire foundation but, it is alleged, they seldom look in the tin bucket hanging on the wall.

PROBABLY the greatest task of the industrial research worker or inventor is to avoid this flight from the obvious, the urge for which seems to pervade our minds. In attacking a problem it seems to be a common inclination to try some "new method," overlooking the possibility of a very minor change in an existing process which may serve as well. Possibly this attitude is partly due to the thorough training in "scientific method," that our research workers acquire in universities. More probably it is simply one evidence of two unfortunate human traits that do not seem to be lost in the process of a scientific education, namely: a *great egotism*, and a *great suspicion*. This great egotism may be expressed for the research man somewhat as follows: "If it is that easy to do, I would have thought of it before." The great suspicion may be similarly expressed: "If it has been published or patented, there must be something wrong with it." Both of these defects, if they do exist, are properly classifiable as the avoidance of the obvious.

Every year between ten and one hundred advanced students in qualitative analysis spend weeks in examining and re-examining a water-white, odorless solution which

leaves no residue in a platinum crucible. They are heart broken when they learn that their analytical talent has been wasted on a sample of distilled water. It is hoped that this lesson in the danger of avoiding the obvious may benefit these same men in later years. Certainly the exercise is better for the ego than the solution of the most complex "unknown."

We smile when we recollect that the first steam engines operated on American railroads carried tender boys, whose duty was to throw two valves backward and forward at the same time. Some years afterwards, one of these boys decided to avoid work by tying the two valves together with a strap and attaching them to a synchronized moving part of the engine after which they operated automatically.

IT IS the habit of those who discuss chemical discoveries and inventions to stress the element of the accidental—*vide* the old story concerning the discovery of synthetic indigo in which the chemist was alleged to have accidentally broken a thermometer in the flask, the exposed mercury acting as the required catalyst and bringing success out of failure. The chroniclers of chemical research are not so prone to discuss, as inventions, those developments which are made only after a long period of years and which are so simple in nature as to appear obvious to the later student. Indeed, in smiling at our tendency to overlook the obvious, we should remember that the dumbness of mankind has been judicially noted by the Supreme Court in the following words: "Knowledge after the event is always easy, and problems once solved present no difficulties, indeed, may be represented as never having had any, and expert witnesses may be brought forward to show that the new thing which seemed to have eluded the search of the world was always ready at hand and easy to be seen by a merely skillful attention." But after sympathizing with ourselves for our tendency to seek the hard road, we can nevertheless endeavor to develop that "skillful attention" which may prevent subsequent flights from the obvious.

Lest the writer be accused of "romancing" let us refer to a few concrete illustrations of our great egotism and our great suspicion which hamper us in scientific work.

PAINT removers ordinarily consist of a volatile solvent mixture capable of removing paint, varnish or lacquer. To reduce the volatility, and consequent loss of solvents, some wax is usually added. This wax forms a film over the liquid solvents and thus retards evaporation. In using such a remover a microscopic quantity of wax is almost inevitably left on the clean surface. While the presence of this wax does not interfere with the successful refinishing of the cleaned surface with oleo-resinous materials, it is fatal to lacquer. Consequently in thousands of refinishing shops throughout the country, wax-containing removers are being used and the workmen then spend more time and energy in removing, absolutely, any wax that may thus be deposited, than is required to remove the old finish itself. The idea of using ordinary removing solvents without the added wax, and saving an immense amount of valuable labor at the minor expense of a slightly increased evaporation of very cheap materials seems most unpopular.

A year or two ago the United States was deluged with synthetic methanol produced by a new and secret process



abroad. Presently foreign patents issued and American scientists commenced to test the processes described in the patent specifications. Further search in the patent office records indicated a very early patent which, it was stated by some prophetic-minded individuals, was the basic patent on synthetic methanol. A howl of derision arose and our scientific inhibitions caused us to believe: first, "if it was that easy they would have done it before" and second, "since it is a German patent it won't work." It was not for a year or more that any adequate test was made of the process described in this patent and the surprise engendered by the successful working of this old process to produce synthetic methanol has not yet been quieted.

Much time and money was recently spent in attempting to introduce a new liquid in the dry cleaning industry. The virtues of the material were extolled, cleaners were interviewed, research was done—when suddenly someone remembered that the material dissolved artificial silk.

In a chemical plant, a process requiring accurate temperature control suddenly went bad. The staff set about to correct the situation by analyzing materials, searching for leaks, and consulting specialists to determine whether a negative catalyst could be causing the trouble. When all of the imaginable defects had been dismissed some one thought to test the pyrometers.

To prove that there is after all, something new under the sun the "smokador" was recently introduced. For years we have regarded an ash tray as the proper depository for ashes and the cuspidor as a suitable vault for cigar butts and other byproducts of smoking. It was thought that ash trays placed on the floor would be most inconvenient and that cuspidors did not belong on the table. After struggling along in this manner ever since Sir Walter Raleigh made the smoking of the weed more or less socially correct, it finally occurred to someone that the most efficient purpose would be served if the cuspidor itself was extended to table height by a narrow pipe and a bottomless ash tray connected to the top. While such a change may appear obvious, in reality it had escaped attention for a sufficiently long period to warrant respectful consideration as an invention of merit. Many of the most profitable and ingenious chemical discoveries and chemical engineering developments of late years have consisted in combining two processes into a unitary continuous whole, in a manner not unlike the creation of the smoking stand.

Like the tender boy, it may take us a long time to connect cause and effect sufficiently to tie together two parts so that they will coact. In the meantime, however, let us still strive to attack our problems without an airy disregard for the most obvious solutions.

## Rubber Covered Equipment in Chemical Industry

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THE USE of rubber covered apparatus in the chemical industries was described in a number of accounts in *Chem. & Met.*, 1926, Vol. 33, No. 10. These referred, however, only to American work. An account is therefore given here of a development which has recently achieved great success in Germany.

In contrast to published American developments, the German process is based on coating the articles in an autoclave with a rubber solution, not on electrodeposition of the rubber on the metal surface to be covered. The process is the outcome of work dating back twenty years, but is only now finding successful application. It may now be said of the material that it meets every reasonable requirement that could be asked of a corrosion resisting covering. Of course this statement must be made with certain reservations, which will be discussed presently. The characteristic feature of this process is a kind of chemical combination between the coating and its base, namely the metal surface to be protected. The shape of the article to be coated has no bearing whatever on this. After the coatings have been applied they can be removed only by force, with hammer and chisel, and then not completely. This adhesive property is particularly useful when the rubber covered apparatus is to be used in vacuum or subject to wide fluctuations in temperature. Apparatus covered by this German process can even be used where the treated container or reaction vessel is to be heated, provided the temperature is not allowed to exceed 135 deg. C. It should be noted, however, that temperatures as high as 150 deg. C. can be endured for short periods of time.

The composition of the rubber coating is varied ac-

cording to the intended use. Behavior toward various chemicals is noted below.

1—The coatings are not attacked by concentrated hydrochloric acid, whether pure or impure, even at boiling temperatures.

2—The coatings are stable toward cold nitric acid up to 20 per cent and sulphuric acid up to 60 per cent. For the hot acids these concentration limits must be lowered accordingly.

3—Hydrofluoric acid, gaseous halogens and oxygen have no effect.

4—The coatings have given excellent service against alkalis, alkaline and acid solutions and organic solutions in general, and are expected to work equally well with lacquer solvents.

As for the mechanical properties of the material, for general use a tough semi-hard grade is entirely satisfactory. Special coatings are being made, however, of such hardness that they can be planed, ground, drilled and polished. The adhesion is so strong that a flat strip coated on both sides can be bent double and straightened again without separation or breaking of the coating. The tensile strength is about 2,000 to 2,500 lb. per sq.in. according to hardness. The elongation is about 3 to 5 per cent. The thermal conductivity is low. A practical evaporation experiment showed the following evaporation values: 25.2 lb. per sq.yd. heating surface per hour; 56.1 lb. per sq.yd. surface per hour.

According to an official certificate of the Institute of Technology at Braunschweig, the adhesion is so strong that in tearing tests separation is not at the interface between rubber and metal; either the rubber tears, leaving a thin film on the metal, or the metal is torn away.

These rubber coatings are remarkably versatile in their possible uses. There is hardly any line of chemical equipment where rubber coating cannot be used to advantage. First cost may seem relatively high, but it is soon compensated by the prolonged service life of the treated equipment.

## Removing Hydrogen Sulphide from Coke Oven Gases

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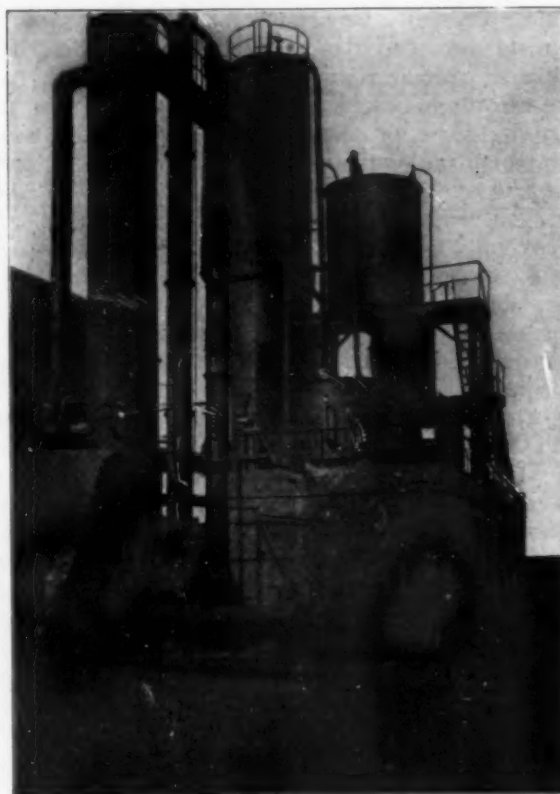
THE PAPER on sulphur recovery by F. W. Sperr (*Gas Journal*, No. 175, pp. 262-4, Aug. 4, 1926) gives occasion for mention of work done in recent years by the Gesellschaft für Kohlenteknik on removing  $H_2S$  from coke oven gases. As is not unusual, this work was done quite independently of the Koppers Co., and without knowing of their investigations. The two studies are fundamentally the same, but differ much in details. From the technical standpoint, we believed that our results are more favorable, particularly when our method of refining the crude sulphur is included in the process.

In both methods, the effective scrubbing liquid is a very thin aqueous sludge of ferric hydroxide. We differ from Koppers, however, in that generally we use the  $NH_3$  of the gas itself (not added soda) to obtain the necessary alkalinity for accelerated transfer of the  $H_2S$  to the  $Fe(OH)_3$  and for accelerated oxidation of the resulting iron sulphide. This saves the cost of soda, which adversely affects the balance sheet of the Koppers process (loc. cit.). It is true that the G.f.K. process necessitates recovery of the combined ammonia; but the amount is so small, compared to the large volume of ammonia liquor which must be treated anyway, that the operating cost thus added is almost negligible. In order to take advantage of the  $NH_3$  content of the gas, the desulphurizing apparatus must be located between the tar separating unit and the ammonia and benzol scrubbers, not after the latter.

The principle of the process is simple; the  $H_2S$ -bearing gas goes into a scrubber containing a thin sludge of  $Fe(OH)_3$ , and the iron sulphide liquor is drawn off at the bottom and run into a vessel called the oxidizer, where air is blown through it to oxidize it back to  $Fe(OH)_3$ . The liquor then goes back to the scrubber to be used again.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, the gas enters the washer at the bottom and passes out again at the top. The iron sulphide liquor is drawn from the washer by the centrifugal pump and passes, together with compressed air entering through a nozzle, into the oxidizer. (This process requires only 3 parts of air per 100 of gas, whereas the Koppers process requires 30). To give a long air path and maximum utilization of air, the oxidizer is made very tall in comparison to its diameter. The intimate mixture of air and liquid rises high in the oxidizer and is separated in the sulphur separator. The regenerated liquor goes back to the scrubber through the overflow line. The separator is equipped for removing the thick froth of sulphur which floats on the liquor and passing it, with the spent air, into the sulphur tank from which batches of sulphur are taken from time to time to be washed and dried in the centrifuge. Sulphuric acid is removed from the spent air by ammonia treatment in the acid washer, and the spent air then escapes. The sulphate liquor is worked up in the ammonia plant for solid ammonium sulphate.

The success of this process depends on the fundamental discovery that the sulphur, under properly controlled conditions, readily floats on the liquor in a



$H_2S$  Removal Unit at G.f.K.

concentrated form, thus making possible the continuous circulation of the same solution. About 85 per cent of the sulphur removed is recovered as crude sulphur, the rest being oxidized to sulphite, thiosulphate, etc. To prevent too great an accumulation of salts, the liquor from the centrifuge is run to the ammonia stills and replaced by fresh water, the loss in iron being made up by addition of ferric sulphate.

The process has given good results in the G.f.K.'s small scale and semi-technical experiments and in an installation of the Gewerkschaft Mont Cenis (capacity 120,000 cu.m. of gas per day), although all these setups were constructed with any available material and therefore did not meet all the best conditions of the process. The G.f.K. large-scale installation has been operating quite successfully for some months.

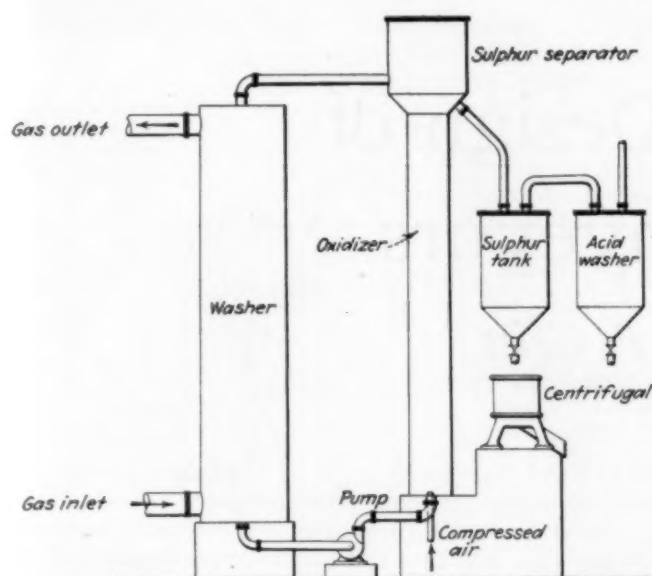
TESTS were also made with a cyanide scrubber which, according to the G.f.K., yields the cyanide as  $NH_4SCN$ . Large-scale operation was successful, and it was found that previous removal of cyanide is not strictly necessary for the sulphur recovery installation. Preliminary cyanide removal may, however, be desirable; at least, it pains a technologist's conscience to let the cyanide be wasted.

The scrubber efficiency at Mont Cenis was 99.5 per cent when operating at 5,000 cu.m. per hour, and rose to 99.9 per cent at 3,000 cu.m. per hour. Of course, thorough distribution of the scrubbing liquid over the cross-section of the tower is essential. No clogging with iron sludge has ever been observed.

The ammonia content of the gas, over a long period, averaged 4.7 g. per cu.m. before and 2.4 after the treatment. The difference was used up in the formation of thiosulphate and sulphate, already mentioned. When ferric hydroxide is used instead of the sulphate for iron replenishment, the amount of ammonia used decreases.

Costs of installing and operating, per cu.m. of gas,





Layout of the Apparatus for  $H_2S$  Removal used by the Gesellschaft für Kohlentechnik, m.b.H., Dortmund, Germany

decrease rapidly with increasing size of plant. The following cost figures are taken from results gained in actual experience:

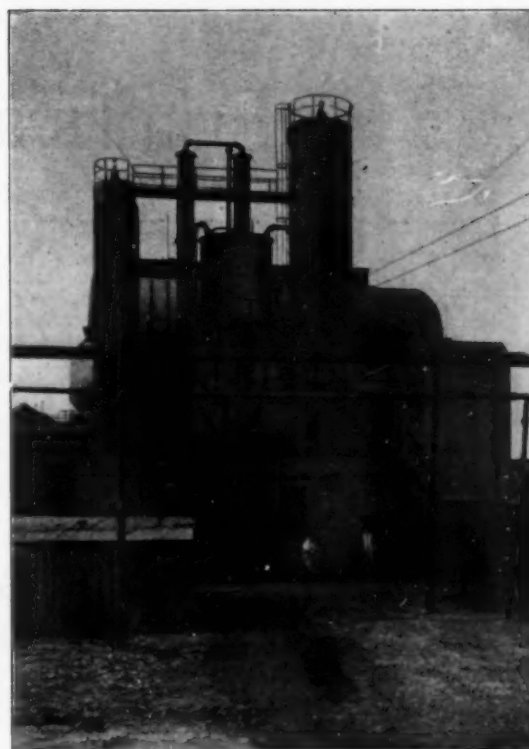
DAILY OPERATING COSTS OF A DESULPHURIZING PLANT FOR 10,600,000 CU.FT. PER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, WITH 336 GRAINS OF SULPHUR PER 100 CU.FT. (WITHOUT CYANIDE SCRUBBER).

1. Amortization and interest, including general marks overhead (17% on the capital)....71.40
2. Wages (2 men per shift) .....33.00
3. Power for pumps (24 kw. h. per hour at 3 pfg.) .....17.75
4. Compressed air: 10,000 cu.m. at 0.35 pfg..35.00
5. Operating the centrifuge, steam and water consumption ..... 5.06
6. Ammonia loss ..... 3.50
7. Repairs, oil, packing .....10.00
8. Iron Sulphate, 1.1 t. at M45 .....49.60

Total.....M225.31

Counting 6 grains of sulphur from 7 grains of  $H_2S$  (the loss representing thiosulphate), this gives each day 2.6 tons of crude sulphur containing 1.8 tons of sulphur, or 69 per cent. The rest consists of 10 per cent ferric hydroxide, 20 per cent water and small amounts of ammonia and tarry matter. The value of the sulphur at 4.6 pfg. per kg. is M83 per day, which reduces the costs to M142.31. This means a refining charge of 0.048 pfg. per cu.m., counting capital charges, or 0.024 pfg. without them. In American units this would be 0.16c. per 1,000 cu.ft., whereas Sperr allows 1c. It should be noted, however, that the conditions for the American and German processes are not strictly comparable and that the former higher cost should not necessarily be condemned.

Since the refining cost, even in the G.f.K. process, is a considerable item, the G.f.K. has devised a method of refining the sulphur so that it will bring a much higher price. Experimental large-scale operation of this method is under way. It obviates the necessity of buying iron sulphate for replacement, since the iron is recovered from the crude sulphur. Even the thiosulphate is recovered, and the pyrites and other cheap sulphur wastes from the coal-washing plant are worked up. It is expected that this process will bring enough return for refined sulphur to pay all the costs of gas



Another View of the Purifying Unit

purification and sulphur refining and leave sufficient surplus for writing off slowly the cost of the purifying plant.

The Carl Still Co., Recklinghausen, Germany, has undertaken the construction of installations for gas purification and sulphur refining by the G.f.K. processes in Germany.

## Underground Pipe Coating Materials

As a part of the report of a subcommittee on pipe coatings, rendered at the American Gas Association meeting in Chicago October, 1927, there was given the following statement of the characteristics of a good material for coating mains and service pipes to minimize corrosion damage:

- (a) The coating material should be impervious to air and moisture.
- (b) It should adhere tenaciously to the surface of the pipe.
- (c) It should not be brittle at 0 degrees Centigrade (32 degrees Fahrenheit) or soften to such an extent at 60 degrees Centigrade (140 degrees Fahrenheit) that it will run or rub off during handling.
- (d) It should withstand, without chipping or spalling off, the shocks and abrasion to which the pipe is likely to be subject during transportation and installation.
- (e) The coated pipe should not stick together during transportation.
- (f) The material should be easily applied either in the yard or in the field.
- (g) The material should be of such a character that any damage occurring in the field can be readily repaired after installation.

# Practical Design of Belt Conveyors

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The November issue of Chem. & Met. presented an article by Mr. Geist in which the theory of the principal calculations involved in conveyor design was fully discussed. Tables were also included which gave empirically determined characteristics of belts of various widths, as well as data for the comparison of inclined belts with those on horizontal centers. To permit the chemical engineer to facilitate the investigation of his conveyor problems, Mr. Geist has prepared for the current issue a number of tables derived by means of his formulas, which, when used with tables I to III previously published, will permit of a ready solution to every conveyor problem which may be encountered.

THE TABLES given on the following pages show not only the ability of various sized shafts to move belts of different widths, and plies within reasonable practice, but they also give the required effective pull for steady motion and the power needed to produce a belt speed of 100 ft. per minute. Use of the effective pull enables the designer to properly proportion other parts of the conveyor, such as tail-shaft, snub-shafts and take-up. It is

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TABLE IV—1½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Belt Centers (Plain Bearings) In Feet

Class	Belt	18 Inches			24 Inches			30 In.
	Ply	6	5	4	6	5	5	5
	Pully M Inches	30/20 13.5	24/20	20/20	30/26 10.5	24/26	20/26	24/32 12
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.							
	Average lb.	321	350	363	352	410	445	316
	0	259	307	352	225	289	348	172
	25	179	207	230	144	177	205	99
	50	141	157	171	105	128	145	69
	75	111	126	136	75	100	113	54
	100	93	105	113	69	82	92	43
	Horsepower	0.97	1.06	1.11	1.07	1.25	1.35	0.96
2	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.							
	Average lb.	347	382	400	385	437	484	341
	0	280	335	388	247	308	378	185
	25	194	226	253	157	189	223	107
	50	148	171	188	115	137	158	75
	75	120	137	150	82	107	123	58
	100	101	115	124	75	88	100	47
	Horsepower	1.06	1.16	1.22	1.17	1.33	1.47	1.04
3	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.							
	Average lb.	413	461	497	450	520	582	380
	0	334	405	483	288	366	455	206
	25	231	273	314	184	225	268	119
	50	177	207	234	135	163	190	83
	75	143	166	186	96	127	148	65
	100	120	139	154	88	105	120	52
	Horsepower	1.26	1.40	1.51	1.37	1.58	1.74	1.15
4	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.							
	Average lb.	521	605	653	544	653	740	523
	0	421	531	634	348	460	578	284
	25	291	358	413	222	283	341	164
	50	223	271	308	163	205	242	128
	75	180	218	245	129	160	188	89
	100	152	183	203	107	131	153	71
	Horsepower	1.58	1.84	1.98	1.65	1.98	2.24	1.58



TABLE VI—2½-INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers (Plain Bearings), In Feet

Class	Belt Ply	18 Inches			24 Inches			30 Inches			36 Inches			42 Inches	
		6	5	4	6	5	4	7	6	5	8	7	6	7	6
		30/20 15	24/20	20/20	30/26	24/26	20/20	36/32	30/32	24/32	40/38	36/38	30/38	36/44	30/44
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	1100	1140	960	1315	1375	1280	1015	1100	1150	725	875	955	753	863
	Average Lb.	888	1000	932	842	970	1058	466	550	625	265	334	395	260	322
	25	615	676	607	537	605	609	288	330	360	156	197	226	145	173
	50	470	510	453	394	430	418	208	235	252	112	140	158	100	118
	75	380	410	358	311	336	330	163	183	196	88	109	122	77	90
	100	320	343	298	257	277	265	134	150	158	72	89	99	62	72
2	Horsepower	3.33	3.45	2.95	3.98	4.17	3.9	3.07	3.33	3.48	2.20	2.65	2.9	2.29	2.62
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	1200	1250	1036	1410	1500	1378	1050	1190	1245	775	940	1050	835	950
	Average Lb.	968	1097	1005	903	1057	1140	486	595	676	273	359	433	288	354
	25	870	739	655	676	648	656	300	357	390	167	212	243	150	190
	50	518	560	488	423	470	450	217	256	273	120	151	174	111	130
	75	415	450	386	334	367	355	170	198	212	94	117	133	85	99
3	100	350	376	321	276	302	285	140	162	171	77	95	109	69	80
	Horsepower	3.64	3.79	3.15	4.27	4.55	4.17	3.18	3.61	3.78	2.35	2.85	3.18	2.53	2.88
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	1450	1545	1237	1665	1820	1643	1300	1435	1525	1000	1115	1250	1000	1140
	Average Lb.	1170	1355	1200	1068	1280	1360	601	717	828	352	425	516	343	425
	25	810	914	782	680	787	782	371	431	478	215	251	295	192	228
	50	680	692	583	500	570	537	268	307	335	155	178	207	133	156
4	75	502	553	461	394	445	424	210	239	260	121	138	159	102	119
	100	422	465	383	326	366	341	173	195	209	99	113	129	82	96
	Horsepower	4.09	4.69	3.75	5.05	5.51	5.00	3.94	4.35	4.62	3.03	3.37	3.79	3.03	3.46
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	1860	1965	1573	2060	2360	2090	1625	1825	2020	1350	1420	1650	1250	1520
	Average Lb.	1500	1723	1527	1320	1660	1635	752	912	100	475	542	682	421	567
	25	1040	1162	996	841	1040	965	465	548	633	230	320	389	240	304
5	50	795	882	742	618	740	683	336	390	444	209	227	273	166	208
	75	613	707	590	488	578	530	263	304	345	133	176	210	127	158
	100	512	592	488	403	475	423	216	248	278	124	144	171	103	128
	Horsepower	5.63	5.95	4.77	6.24	6.85	6.36	4.92	5.53	6.12	4.09	4.30	5.00	3.79	4.61

Hp. at 100 ft. per minute.

Note:—Centers given in black roman type represent maximum for belt. Belts up to 30-in. inclusive 28-oz. duck. Belts over 30-in. 32-oz. duck. Rubber cover ½-in. and ¾-in.

These tables are intended for use on horizontal and up-grade conveyor problems only. For such belts as are intended to operate on descending slopes and which may generate instead of consume power, a separate investigation is recommended in each particular case, employing the reverse of the principles set forth in the previous theoretical discussion.

Let us assume that it is desired to move run of mine coal at the rate of 200 tons per hour by means of a belt conveyor such as shown by Fig. 8. Coal is taken as weighing 50 lb. per cu.ft. The belt carriers are to be considered as of the plain grease bearing type. For this example the feeder and the tripper shown in the figure will be neglected. Assume that breakage of coal is to be minimized, for which a belt speed of from 200 to 250 ft. per minute is considered good practice.

From Table I we see that a 36-in. belt moving at a speed of 100 ft. per minute will handle up to 103 tons per hour of material at 50 pounds per cubic foot containing a maximum

lump of 14 in. not exceeding 20 per cent of the aggregate. A 36-in. belt will therefore do the work desired at a speed of 195 ft. per minute when fully loaded. (To take care of irregularities in loading the material onto the belt it is advisable to run the belt at a slightly higher speed, say 225 ft. per minute, but for the solution of this problem we will adhere to the 195 ft. per minute.) The belt ply required will be determined later.

The next step is to determine the equivalent horizontal centers for the system shown by Fig. 8 in order to prepare the problem for use of Tables IV and XIII inclusive. Since we are considering plain grease bearing type belt carriers let us turn to Table II. Opposite the 36-in. belt section for 50 lb. per cu.ft. material under 15 deg. slope we see that 100 ft. of horizontal belt conveyor is equal to 39.8 to 42.5 ft. at that slope depending upon whether the belt to be used is light or heavy. To be more conservative than precise we will accept the smaller value and call 40 ft. the equivalent of 100 ft. horizontal.

TABLE VII.—3½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers in Feet (Plain Bearings)

Class	Belt Ply	18 Inches			24 Inches			30 Inches			36 Inches			42 Inches			48 Inches	
		6	5		6	5		7	6	5	8	7	6	8	7	6	8	7
		30/20 16	24/20		30/26 12	24/26		36/32 14	30/32	24/32	40/38 15	36/38	30/38	40/44 17	36/44	30/44	40/51 18½	36/51
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	Max.	Max.		Max.	Max.		1750	1865	1975	1500	1590	1600	1356	1437	1530	1150	1250
	Average Lb.	1440	1200		1920	1600		810	932	1073	528	607	702	433	495	670	336	395
	25	1160	1052		1250	1128		500	560	619	222	258	301	175	191	210	163	207
	50	804	710		784	692		362	399	433	182	205	222	115	127	146	106	131
	75	615	538		576	501		284	310	337	122	137	151	85	96	109	86	107
	100	498	430		453	391		233	254	272	101	116	129	71	79	88	72	86
2	Horsepower	4.37	3.64		5.85	4.85		5.3	5.65	5.98	4.55	4.82	5.15	4.11	4.36	4.63	3.48	3.78
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	1550	1294		2070	1725		1900	2000	2140	1630	1740	1835	1480	1567	1670	1255	1380
	Average Lb.	1250	1135		1330	1216		880	1000	1164	574	664	758	472	540	623	367	436
	25	865	766		845	747		542	600	671	350	392	433	272	301	335	200	229
	50	662	580		622	541		393	428	470	253	279	304	191	208	229	137	155
	75	536	564		489	422		308	333	365	197	216	234	147	159	174	105	118
3	100	452	390		406	347		253	273	294	162	176	190	120	129	140	85	95
	Horsepower	4.7	3.95		6.28	5.23		5.76	6.06	6.48	4.93	5.28	5.56	4.48	4.74	5.06	3.80	4.18
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	1850			2470	2060		2280	2440	2600	1925	2100	2250	1740	1915	2100	1550	1690
	Average Lb.	1490			1583	1450		1056	1220	1413	678	800	930	556	660	783	453	535
	25	1033			1010	892		652	733	815	414	473	532	320	368	421	247	280
	50	790			742	646		472	522	571	298	337	373	225	255	288	170	191
4	75	640			583	503		370	406	443	232	261	286	173	195	219	130	144
	100	540			485	415		304	333	358	191	213	233	141	158	177	105	116
	Horsepower	5.61			7.5	6.25		6.91	7.39	7.88	5.83	6.37	6.82	5.27	5.80	6.36	4.70	5.12
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	2355			3150	2620		2860	3180	3500	2370	2650	2930	2170	2400	2750	1960	2200
	Average Lb.	1900			2020	1845		1325	1590	1903	735	1010	1210	694	827	1025	572	695
	25	1315			1285	1135		817	955	1095	510	598	692	400	461	552	312	365
5	50	1005			946	822		592	680	769	370	425	486	280	320	377	215	248
	75	815			747	642		463	530	597	287	330	373	216	245	287	164	188
	100	687			618	528		381	433	482	236	269	304	176	198	231	132	151
	Horsepower	7.13			9.55	7.95		8.67	9.64	10.6	7.18	8.03	8.88	6.58	7.27	8.33	5.94	6.67

Hp. at 100 ft. per minute belt speed.

Note:—Centers in roman type are maximum for belt. Belts up to 30-in. inclusive 28 oz. duck, over 30-in. are 32 oz. Rubber cover ½-in. and ¾-in.

TABLE VIII.—3½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers in Feet (Plain Bearings)

Class	Belt Ply	30 Inches			36 Inches			42 Inches			48 Inches		54 Inches		60 Inches	
		7	6	5	8	7	6	8	7	6	8	7	9	8	9	8
		36/32 14.5	30/32	24/32	40/38 16	36/38	30/38	40/44 17.5	36/44	30/44	40/51 19.25	36/51	44/57 20.75	40/57	44/63 22.25	40/63
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	2655	Max.	2260	2340	2430	2530	2120	2250	2350	1915	2030	1500	1625	1115	1420
	Average Lb.	1296	1355	1230	824	929	1045	675	775	876	560	642	370	438	253	350
	25	758	807	710	503	547	597	390	432	472	305	337	193	220	125	166
	50	549	580	496	362	390	419	274	300	322	210	229	131	147	83	109
	75	430	448	383	283	302	322	211	229	245	160	173	99	110	61	81
2	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	2860	2920	2430	2530	2635	2750	2300	2440	2560	2090	2210	1700	1800	1220	1555
	Average Lb.	1326	1460	1320	890	1000	1135	735	841	955	611	700	420	486	277	384
	25	817	870	762	544	593	649	423	469	513	334	367	219	244	137	181
	50	591	625	534	392	422	456	297	325	351	229	249	149	163	91	119
	75	463	482	412	306	327	350	229	249	267	175	189	112	122	68	88
3	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	3395	3480	2900	2985	3160	3380	2760	2960	3240	2540	2660	2000	2135	1480	1900
	Average Lb.	1570	1740	1575	1050	1205	1390	882	1020	1210	742	842	494	577	336	469
	25	971	1040	910	642	712	798	508	568	650	405	442	258	289	166	222
	50	702	745	637	462	507	560	357	394	444	279	300	175	193	110	145
	75	550	575	492	361	393	431	275	302	338	212	229	132	145	82	108
4	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	4110	4430	3700	3610	3880	4330	3420	3700	4100	3180	3460	2500	2800	1710	2500
	Average Lb.	1900	2215	2010	1270	1480	1790	1092	1275	1530	930	1095	617	756	388	617
	25	1175	1330	1160	776	874	1025	630	711	822	507	575	323	379	192	292
	50	850	950	813	560	622	718	442	493	562	349	391	219	254	127	192
	75	666	738	632	437	482	553	341	377	427	266	295	165	190	95	142

Hp. at 100 ft. per minute belt speed. Centers in roman type are belt maximums.  
Belts 30-in. are 28-oz. duck, over 30-in. are 32-oz. Rubber cover ¼-in. and ½-in.

Therefore, 75 ft. at 15 deg. slope is equal to 75x 100/40 or 187 ft. horizontal. In addition we have from Fig. 8 a total of 150 ft. horizontal conveyor which added to the above 187 ft. gives a total equivalent horizontal length of 337 ft. Class 3 as indicated by Fig. 8 is recommended.

From Table VII, opposite the Class 3 section for 50 lb. per cu.ft. material, under the 36-in. belt columns we see that a 3½ in. diameter head shaft will pull a 36-in., 6-ply 32-oz. rubber covered belt loaded as above for a haul of 373 ft. horizontal on plain grease type carriers. From Table VI we see that a 2½ in. diameter head shaft is not sufficient for 337 ft. Table IX reveals that the 36-in., 6-ply belt is good for a maximum haul of 690 ft. based upon full normal working strength, so that we may accept the 3½ in. diameter head shaft and the 6-ply belt as satisfactory for the work to be done.

The effective pull required for the haul of 337 ft. is obtained from Table VII by direct proportion and is equal to  $337/373 \times 2,250$  lb., or 2,020 lb.

The power required (net at the head shaft) is also obtained from Table VII by direct proportion for the centers and is equal to  $337/373 \times 6.82$ , or 5.96 hp. for each 100 ft. per minute of belt speed, or  $5.96 \times 195/100$  equals 13.6 hp. for the job. A 15 hp. motor is consequently recommended for use with this installation.

From the above calculations we may tabulate the following synopsis:

Capacity ..... 200 tons per hour  
run of mine coal  
Belt (rubber covered)  
36 in., 6-ply, 32 oz.  
Speed ..... 195 ft. per min. (225  
ft. per min.)  
Centers, Per Fig. 8 ..... 225 ft.  
Equivalent horiz. centers  
337 ft.  
Belt carriers ..... Plain grease  
bearing type  
Head shaft ..... 3½ in. diameter  
Head pulley (5 x belt ply)  
30x38 in. rubber covered  
Effective pull  $337/373 \times 2,250$   
2,020 lb.  
Initial tension (.4 for Class No. 3)  
808 lb.  
Max. belt tension ..... 2,828 lb.  
Net power 13.6 hp. (15 hp. motor)

Bolt tension percentage of normal full working strength ..... 38.1 per cent

TABLE IX.—4½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers in Feet (Plain Bearings)

Class	Belt Ply	30 Inches			36 Inches			42 Inches			48 Inches		54 Inches		60 Inches	
		7	8	7	6	8	7	6	8	7	9	8	9	8	9	8
		36/32 15	40/38 16	36/38	30/38	40/44 18	36/44	30/44	40/51 19.75	36/51	44/57 21.25	40/57	44/63 22.75	40/63		
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	Max.	3435	3500	3240	3160	3315	3470	2900	3050	2520	2680	2220	2460		
	Average Lb.	3160	1210	1337	1340	1010	1142	1295	848	965	622	725	505	607		
	25	900	738	790	768	581	637	696	462	507	326	363	249	287		
	50	655	516	561	536	408	441	477	318	344	221	242	166	188		
	75	508	416	435	414	315	338	362	242	261	167	182	124	140		
2	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	3410	3700	3850	3500	3425	3615	3745	3175	3290	2765	2900	2440	2630		
	Average Lb.	1580	1303	1470	1446	1093	1245	1400	928	1040	682	784	550	650		
	25	971	795	869	830	630	695	752	507	547	357	393	274	307		
	50	706	573	617	580	442	481	514	348	372	242	262	182	201		
	75	548	448	478	446	342	368	390	265	281	183	196	136	150		
3	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	4060	4375	4580	4170	4110	4315	4575	3680	4000	3280	3485	2925	3280		
	Average Lb.	1880	1540	1750	1720	1312	1490	1740	1076	1265	809	941	664	809		
	25	1160	941	1034	987	756	830	918	587	665	424	472	328	383		
	50	840	678	735	690	531	576	628	403	452	288	316	218	251		
	75	653	530	570	532	410	441	477	308	342	217	246	163	187		
4	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	5170	5325	5790	5320	5085	5450	5950	4800	5125	4200	4500	3630	4275		
	Average Lb.	2390	1875	2210	2200	1626	1880	2220	1405	1623	1035	1216	825	1055		
	25	1475	1145	1305	1255	936	1050	1195	765	852	543	610	407	500		
	50	1068	825	929	882	658	726	817	527	579	369	407	271	328		
	75	839	646	720	678	508	556	621	402	438	279	305	203	244		

Hp. at 100 ft. per minute belt speed. Centers in roman type are belt maximums.  
Belts 30-in. are 28-oz. duck, over 30-in. are 32-oz. Rubber cover ¼-in. and ½-in.



As a second example, let us assume the same problem as per the first example, except that the belt carriers are to be anti-friction (either ball or roller bearing type). The belt width and speed are taken same as for example No. 1.

Referring to Table III, opposite the 36-in. belt for 50 lb. per cu.ft. material, we see that 100 ft. horizontal centers on plain grease carriers is equal to 150 ft. horizontal on anti-friction type carriers and also equal to 45.8 to 49.6 ft. at 15 deg. up grade (use 46). Thus we find that the only changes are in equivalent centers, which are reduced from 337 ft. to 263 ft. with the consequent reduction in effective pull to 1,590 lb., in maximum belt tension to 2,226 lb. and in power to 9.36 hp. The economy is evidently in reduced power and in decreased wear and tear.

We may again assume the same problem, using anti-friction carriers and adding the tripper in Fig. 8. A safe estimate for the tripper is 2.5 hp. per 100 ft. per minute belt speed, or 4.95 hp. the belt, 9.36 hp., gives a total power requirement of 14.26 hp. or 7.3 hp. per 100 ft. per minute speed.

TABLE XI—5½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers in Feet (Plain Bearings)

Class	Belt		42 inches		48 inches			54 inches			60 inches		
	Ply		9	8	9	8	7	10	9	8	10	9	8
	Pulley M inches		44/44 19	40/44	44/51 20.75	40/51	36/51	48/57 22.25	44/57	40/57	48/63 23.75	44/63	40/63
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.			Max.			Max.						
	Average Lb.		5550	5050	5140	5265	5050	4625	4800	4900	4285	4460	4650
	0		1630	1615	1390	1540	1600	1090	1185	1325	927	1012	1147
	25		975	930	785	840	840	585	620	664	470	501	543
	50		694	652	546	578	570	399	422	444	315	333	367
	75		540	498	420	441	431	303	319	332	237	249	265
2	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		6000	5440	5590	5730	5440	5050	5200	5350	4675	4925	5050
	0		1765	1740	1510	1680	1720	1190	1284	1445	1010	1120	1245
	25		1052	1000	854	915	905	638	672	725	512	553	599
	50		750	703	595	630	615	436	456	485	344	368	387
	75		583	543	457	480	465	331	345	363	258	275	288
3	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		7190	6490	6765	7015	6500	6020	6375	6615	5740	6025	6250
	0		2150	2075	1830	2050	2060	1420	1573	1785	1240	1370	1545
	25		1260	1195	1034	1120	1080	760	824	896	630	677	731
	50		899	839	719	771	735	519	560	600	422	450	480
	75		699	647	553	588	555	394	423	449	317	337	356
4	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		8985	8260	8545	8985	8260	7700	8100	8550	7250	7660	8220
	0		2640	2635	2310	2630	2610	1818	2000	2310	1570	1740	2025
	25		1575	1518	1304	1418	1372	973	1047	1160	795	860	961
	50		1122	1066	908	987	933	664	711	775	533	565	630
	75		874	823	698	752	706	504	538	580	401	428	469
5	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		10714	9700	10266	10707	10000	9406	9932	10464	8921	9442	9973
	0		3110	3075	2740	3070	3040	2140	2373	2645	1740	1940	2215
	25		1860	1785	1604	1740	1680	1240	1347	1460	960	1040	1155
	50		1322	1266	1122	1218	1160	864	924	980	660	700	760
	75		974	923	818	872	826	604	638	680	461	488	519
6	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		12714	11600	12266	12707	12000	11406	11932	12464	10921	11442	11973
	0		3610	3575	3240	3570	3540	2540	2773	3045	2040	2240	2515
	25		2160	2085	1904	2040	1980	1540	1647	1760	1160	1240	1355
	50		1522	1466	1322	1418	1360	1064	1124	1180	760	800	860
	75		1074	1023	918	972	926	704	738	780	501	528	559
7	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		14714	13600	14266	14707	14000	13406	13932	14464	12921	13442	13973
	0		4210	4175	3840	4170	4140	2840	3073	3345	2240	2440	2715
	25		2560	2485	2304	2440	2380	1840	1947	2060	1360	1440	1555
	50		1822	1766	1622	1718	1660	1364	1424	1480	960	1000	1060
	75		1274	1223	1118	1172	1126	904	938	980	661	688	719
8	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		16714	15600	16266	16707	16000	15406	15932	16464	14921	15442	15973
	0		4810	4775	4440	4770	4740	3240	3473	3745	2540	2740	3015
	25		2960	2885	2704	2840	2780	2140	2247	2360	1560	1640	1755
	50		2122	2066	1922	2018	1960	1564	1624	1680	1060	1100	1160
	75		1474	1423	1318	1372	1326	1004	1038	1080	661	688	719
9	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		18714	17600	18266	18707	18000	17406	17932	18464	16921	17442	17973
	0		5410	5375	5040	5370	5340	3640	3873	4145	2740	2940	3215
	25		3360	3285	3104	3240	3180	2440	2547	2660	1760	1840	1955
	50		2422	2366	2222	2318	2260	1864	1924	1980	1260	1300	1360
	75		1774	1723	1618	1672	1626	1304	1338	1380	861	888	919
10	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		20714	19600	20266	20707	20000	19406	19932	20464	18921	19442	19973
	0		6010	5975	5640	5970	5940	4040	4273	4545	3040	3240	3515
	25		3760	3685	3504	3640	3580	2840	2947	3060	2060	2140	2255
	50		2722	2666	2522	2618	2560	2064	2124	2180	1360	1400	1460
	75		2074	2023	1918	1972	1926	1504	1538	1580	961	988	1019
11	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		22714	21600	22266	22707	22000	21406	21932	22464	20921	21442	21973
	0		6610	6575	6240	6570	6540	4440	4673	4945	3240	3440	3715
	25		4160	4085	3904	4040	3980	3040	3147	3260	2160	2240	2355
	50		3022	2966	2822	2918	2860	2264	2324	2380	1460	1500	1560
	75		2274	2223	2118	2172	2126	1604	1638	1680	1061	1088	1119
12	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		24714	23600	24266	24707	24000	23406	23932	24464	22921	23442	23973
	0		7210	7175	6840	7170	7140	4840	5073	5345	3540	3740	4015
	25		4560	4485	4304	4440	4380	3340	3447	3560	2360	2440	2555
	50		3322	3266	3122	3218	3160	2464	2524	2580	1560	1600	1660
	75		2574	2523	2418	2472	2426	1804	1838	1880	1161	1188	1219
13	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		26714	25600	26266	26707	26000	25406	25932	26464	24921	25442	25973
	0		7810	7775	7440	7770	7740	5240	5473	5745	3840	4040	4315
	25		4960	4885	4704	4840	4780	3640	3747	3860	2560	2640	2755
	50		3622	3566	3422	3518	3460	2764	2824	2880	1760	1800	1860
	75		2874	2823	2718	2772	2726	2104	2138	2180	1261	1288	1319
14	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		28714	27600	28266	28707	28000	27406	27932	28464	26921	27442	27973
	0		8410	8375	8040	8370	8340	5640	5873	6145	4040	4240	4515
	25		5360	5285	5104	5240	5180	4040	4147	4260	2760	2840	2955
	50		3922	3866	3722	3818	3760	2964	3024	3080	1860	1900	1960
	75		3074	3023	2918	2972	2926	2304	2338	2380	1361	1388	1419
15	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.												
	Average Lb.		30714	29600	30266	30707	30000	29406	29932	30464	28921	29442	29973
	0		8810	8775	8440	8770	8740	6040	6273	6545	4340	4540	4815
	25		5660	5585	5404	5540	5480	4240	4347	4460	2960	3040	3155
	50		4122	4066	3922	4018	3960	3064	3124	3180	1960	2000	2060
	75		3274	3223	3118	3172	3126	2404	2438	2480	1461	1488	1519

The results above listed when compared with example No. 2 show how the addition of the feeder and tripper to the belt load increase the size of the head shaft required, the effective pull, belt tension and horsepower.

The above three examples demonstrate the more common and apparent uses for the tables presented. These tables are thought to be particularly useful because they show almost at a glance, the manner in which values change with width and ply of belting.

**Résumé:** For determining belt capacity and speed use Table I. For translating sloping belt conveyor centers using plain grease bearing type carriers into an equivalent horizontal centers with plain grease carriers (for reference to Tables IV to XIII, inclusive) use Table II. For translating sloping belt conveyors having anti-friction type carriers into their equivalent horizontal centers with plain grease type carriers (for reference to Tables IV to XIII, inclusive) use Table III. For translating equivalent horizontal centers with plain grease carriers

TABLE XIII—6½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers in Feet (Plain Bearings)

Class	Belt Ply	48 inches		54 inches				60 inches				
		10	9	11	10	9	8	12	11	10	9	8
	Pulley M inches	48/51 21.75	44/51	54/57 23.25	48/57	44/57	40/57	60/63 24.75	54/63	48/63	44/63	40/63
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	Max.	Max.			Max.	Max.					
	Average Lb.	7190	6470	7040	7500	7275	6475	6450	6800	7000	7140	7280
	0	1800	1750	1765	1770	1795	1750	1236	1375	1515	1685	1800
	25	1050	988	880	948	941	876	663	720	768	808	852
	50	742	688	594	647	639	587	455	488	515	535	558
	75	573	528	453	491	483	440	345	369	387	399	416
2	100	467	428	367	396	388	351	278	297	310	319	331
	Horsepower	21.8	19.6	21.35	22.75	22.1	19.7	19.55	20.8	21.25	21.65	22.1
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	7750	6980	7830	8160	7850	6970	6900	7380	7600	7700	7760
	Average Lb.	1940	1885	1740	1930	1940	1885	1322	1492	1645	1753	1918
	0	1131	1067	957	1032	1015	941	710	781	833	865	908
	25	800	742	661	705	690	632	486	530	560	575	595
3	50	618	570	504	535	521	473	369	400	420	430	443
	75	503	463	408	432	419	378	298	323	336	344	353
	100	403	363	318	342	329	298	238	263	276	284	293
	Horsepower	23.5	21.2	23.75	24.75	23.8	21.2	20.9	22.4	23.05	23.35	23.55
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	9250	8320	9420	9920	9350	8320	8380	9000	9400	9700	Max.
	Average Lb.	2310	2250	2095	2340	2310	2250	1607	1820	2130	2205	2285
4	0	1350	1270	1152	1255	1210	1128	862	952	1030	1090	1080
	25	955	855	795	857	821	754	590	646	692	725	710
	50	738	680	607	650	620	565	448	488	520	542	528
	75	601	552	491	524	500	452	362	393	416	433	420
	100	481	432	371	404	380	332	262	283	306	323	310
	Horsepower	28.1	25.25	28.6	30.1	28.4	25.3	25.4	27.3	28.5	29.4	28.1

Hp. at 100 ft. per minute belt speed. Centers in roman type are belt maximums.  
Belts are 32-oz. duck, ½-in. and ¾-in. rubber cover.

equivalent horizontal centers with plain grease carriers (for reference to Tables IV to XIII, inclusive) see Table

TABLE XII—5½ INCH HEADSHAFT  
Maximum Horizontal Centers in Feet (Plain Bearings)

Class	Belt Ply	48 inches		54 inches				60 inches				
		10	9	11	10	9	8	12	11	10	9	8
	Pulley M inches	48/51 21.25	44/51	54/57 22.75	48/57	44/57	40/57	60/63 24.25	54/63	48/63	44/63	40/63
1	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	6100	6270	5430	5750	5875	5950	4700	5080	5400	5465	5650
	Average Lb.	1585	1695	1207	1360	1450	1610	900	1027	1170	1240	1395
	0	890	956	664	727	758	806	484	538	598	614	660
	25	629	667	458	496	516	539	331	354	397	408	433
	50	487	512	350	377	390	403	252	276	298	305	322
	75	396	416	283	303	314	323	213	222	239	244	257
2	100	315	335	223	243	254	263	173	182	199	204	217
	Horsepower	18.5	19.0	16.4	17.45	17.8	18.05	14.25	15.4	16.4	16.6	17.15
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	6650	6820	5875	6250	6380	6535	5080	5480	5800	6000	6150
	Average Lb.	1662	1845	1305	1477	1577	1765	974	1110	1255	1365	1520
	0	970	1040	718	790	825	885	523	598	636	674	719
	25	686	726	496	539	560	592	358	393	427	448	472
3	50	530	558	378	410	424	443	272	297	320	335	351
	75	432	452	306	330	340	354	219	239	267	268	280
	100	352	372	246	270	280	294	179	199	227	228	240
	Horsepower	20.2	20.7	17.8	18.95	19.35	19.8	15.4	16.65	17.6	18.2	18.65
	Material Lb. per Cu.Ft.	8125	8320	7000	7580	7840	8100	6100	6680	7150	7440	7600
	Average Lb.	2030	2250	1555	1790	1936	2190	1170	1350	1550	1690	1876
4	0	1186	1270	855	960	1013	1095	628	707	785	836	889
	25	838	855	600	654	688	734	480	479	526	556	583
	50	648	680	451	497	521	550	366	362	395	416	433
	75	528	552	365	400	418	439	292	292	316	332	346
	100	432	452	296	330	340	354	219	239	267	268	280
	Horsepower	24.7	25.25	21.2	23.0	23.8	24.55	18.5	20.3	21.7	22.6	23.1

Horsepower at 100 ft. per minute belt speed. Centers in roman type are belt maximums.  
Belts are 32-oz. duck ½ in. and ¾ in. rubber cover.

III; (divide by 1.5). For specific data on belt conveyors, either true horizontal centers or equivalent horizontal centers as obtained by the use of either Table II or III, use Tables IV to XIII, inclusive, for information on power, ply, shaft size and the maximum permissible haul.

**Note**—Values listed in the Tables V to XIII, inclusive, are based upon the combined bending and torsional moments for the various head shafts and allow in each case for the weight of the pulleys. The dimensions indicated in these tables which affect the bending and torque govern, but may be changed with corresponding changes in the results listed. Horsepower is, throughout the tables, calculated upon the basis of an ideal belt speed of 100 ft. per minute, and may be corrected to actual by ordinary proportion.

**Erratum:** In Mr. Geist's previous article in the November, 1927 issue, equations (1) and (1a) were incorrectly printed as being in ft. lb. instead of lb.



## Possibilities of a Lumbang Oil Industry

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**L**UMBANG oil is extracted from the kernels of the fruit of the *Aleurites Moluccana*, which is widely distributed throughout the islands of the Pacific, West Indies, Florida and Brazil. The sources that we are most interested in are the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, some of the West Indies and southern United States.

Various estimates give the oil production per tree as 10 lb. to 60 lb. per year. On a plantation where the trees are given plenty of room, the average production would probably be at least 40 lb. As the kernel is one-third of the weight of the nut and contains about 50 per cent oil, this would mean a production of 240 lb. nuts per tree per year.

Trees have been known to bloom as young as three years old, but it is better to consider six years as the age at which they begin to produce. The nuts are very difficult to sprout due to the hard shell, so it is necessary in every case to crack the shell to insure the most rapid germination.

In the Philippine Islands, the fruit is allowed to fall to the ground and remain until the hulls decay. This does not affect the oil content or its properties to any extent, and the nuts can be stored for about two years without serious deterioration. The extraction of the oil is done by crude methods, either locally or by the Chinese around Manila. The nuts are heated and then suddenly cooled which either cracks the shells or causes the kernels to draw away from them. In the latter case, the nuts are cracked by hand and the kernels picked out and pressed. Either process is laborious. The kernels are stored until enough have accumulated for extraction. It is here that the deterioration takes place, the acid number increasing rapidly the longer they are stored. The writer has heard of samples running over 90 mg. of KOH per gram and has analyzed samples running as high as 40 mg. West and Brown mention a case where the acidity of the oil increased from 0.55 to 5.32 when the kernels were stored in a cold, dry place for one month. In a hot, moist place, the change would have been greater. Consequently, the oil should be extracted immediately after the nuts are cracked.

**A** PAINT firm in Manila had so much trouble obtaining a raw oil that could be refined without undue shrinkage, that it decided to buy the nuts and extract the oil in its own factory. The nuts will be ground in an oil mill and the pulp containing the kernels and shells hot-pressed. After settling, this should give a raw oil as good as linseed and one that, although it might be darker, should pass the color specifications for linseed oil. It is estimated that the oil can be produced there cheaper than linseed oil can be purchased. It will also be cheaper and more satisfactory than the former practice where every lot of oil had to be refined before use. Although Aguilar states that this procedure will produce 45 lb. less oil per ton of nuts, it seems to be the only means of quantity production, especially where labor is high.

West and Smith found lumbang and linseed oils of

equal value for paints, varnishes, straw hat polishes, putties, soaps, printing and stamping inks and rubber substitutes. They tried out the raw, boiled and blown oils. The following table gives the analysis of the oils used by them:

Constants	Linseed	Lumbang
Index of refraction (Abbe 30° C) ..	1.4770	1.4724
Saponification value .....	190.6	197.2
Iodine value (Hübl) .....	163.7	145.5
Acid value (per cent) .....	6.91	15.29
Viscosity (Saybolt 37.8° C) .....	144.0	138.0
Surface tension (dynes) .....	35.5	36.9

There is one thing to remember, though, in a consideration of the possibilities of a lumbang oil industry. The oil cake cannot be used as a stock feed due to its strong purgative properties. Nor can it be used as a fertilizer unless the kernels are separated from the shells before they have been pressed as the following analyses of Aguilar will show:

Constituents	Cake from Kernels	Cake from Crushed Nuts
Moisture .....	11.13%	8.46%
Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) .....	8.86%	1.25%
Potash (K <sub>2</sub> O) .....	1.67%	0.68%
Phosphorus (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) .....	1.02%	0.25%

**T**HE following specifications drawn up by the writer (in collaboration with Frederick L. Smith, 2nd, chemist, U. S. Q. M. Laboratory, Manila, P. I.) would cover a satisfactory grade of lumbang oil for use in place of linseed oil in paint manufacture. In fact, an oil of this grade is being used in making paints in the Philippine Islands.

**Raw lumbang oil.**—The oil shall be absolutely pure, well settled, free from foots and remain perfectly clear at 20 deg. C. It shall be sweet, fresh, free from rancidity and shall conform strictly and in every way to the following requirements:

Constants	Maximum	Minimum
Loss on heating at 105-110° C (per cent) ..	0.5	—
Foots by volume (per cent) .....	2.0	—
Acid Number (mg. of KOH per gram) ..	10.0	—
Specific Gravity 15.5/15.5 C .....	0.930	0.920
Saponification Number .....	205.0	185.0
Unsaponifiable Matter (per cent) .....	1.5	—
Iodine Number (Hanus) .....	165.0	140.0
Unsaturated Glycerides (per cent) .....	—	97.0
Color—Not darker than a freshly prepared solution of 1.0g. of potassium bichromate in 100 c.c. pure sulfuric acid (1.84).		

Smith, in a private communication recommends the introduction of the "Bromide Value" and the melting point of the hexabromides as a means of detecting the addition of fish oil. The writer believes, however, that the above tests would be unnecessary except on lumbang oil that might be imported into the States as such.

There seems to be no reason why the lumbang tree could not be grown in Florida, on deserted sugar plantations in Louisiana and southern California with profit to the paint manufacturers of the United States and to the United States as a whole. Also, plantations could be developed in the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, Cuba and the Virgin Islands.

The writer wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Dr. A. P. West, Forest Products Research Chemist, Bureau of Forestry, and F. L. Smith, 2nd, Chief Chemist, Quartermaster Corps., U. S. Army, both of Manila, P. I., for their helpful suggestions and criticisms during the preparation of this paper.

# Production Exceeds Consumption of Chemicals in MIDDLE ATLANTIC States



**T**HE AREA commonly referred to as the Middle Atlantic Seaboard extends from Central Virginia north to the Metropolitan New York area and includes parts of the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut and all of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. It presents extremely diversified chemical industries that account for approximately 60 per cent of the chemical production of the entire country. Production exceeds the annual consumption of chemicals by at least \$200,000,000, although the district must draw on the entire country for its supplies of basic raw materials, such as petroleum, bituminous coal, sulphur, and salt. Because of this great concentration in the face of a recognized tendency toward decentralization, the Middle Atlantic section probably offers fewer opportunities for the future development of new chemical industries.

From a marketing viewpoint the district may readily be divided into three areas tributary to Baltimore, Philadelphia and Metropolitan New York. It is on this basis that the Middle Atlantic Seaboard is discussed in the following brief surveys.

## Baltimore Industries Serve Southern Markets

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**F**ROM the manufacturing standpoint, the Baltimore district lacks many of the natural mineral resources which have brought other industrial areas to the fore. With the exceptions of coal, limestone and clay, Maryland has no other important mineral resources and, so, is dependent on other states and foreign countries for many of the raw materials it uses in fabricating its finished products. A glance at the map will indicate one of the reasons why Maryland continues as an important manu-

facturing state despite its lack of minerals, as the state while small has an extensive water boundary and its principal city, Baltimore, is located at the head of the Chesapeake Bay with a channel open throughout the year capable of passing ocean going vessels at practically all stages of the tide.

The manufacturing industries of Maryland are to a very large extent a result of its tidewater location and because of the facility with which imports can be handled, Maryland today is an important center for pig iron and steel production, the refining of petroleum, the smelting of copper, the refining of sugar and the manufacture of sulphuric acid and fertilizer.

The total manufactured products of the state of Maryland for 1925 had a value of \$926,252,000, and Baltimore was responsible for more than 70 per cent of the value of the output. The 1923 Census gave figures of \$903,446,222 for the entire state and \$654,766,001 for the products manufactured in Baltimore.

The chemical manufacturing situation just about parallels the situation with regard to other manufactured products, as 85 per cent of all chemical products made in the state are produced within a radius of ten miles from Baltimore.

Fertilizer is an important item in Maryland's contribution to the chemical manufactures of the United States, as the state produced one-ninth of the total produced in the entire country. The 1923 figures are: United States, \$183,089,000, and Maryland, \$21,562,572, of which Baltimore contributed \$18,440,000. Maryland has 45 fertilizer plants, a large number of them being dry mixers purchasing acid phosphate and other fertilizer ingredients from other factories and mixing these ingredients according to some definite formula.

The 1923 Census gives Maryland a rating of the second state in the Union as far as fertilizer products and number of wage earners employed in the industry.

Maryland's position in fertilizer manufacture is due to several factors. The principal seat of the fertilizer industry, Baltimore, is, as has been stated, located on tidewater and therefore manufacturers are able to bring in the necessary phosphate rock from Florida by steamer, the pyrites or sulphur from Europe or Texas by steamer, and Baltimore is one of the warehousing centers for the distribution of European potash in this country.

Other factors which have helped Maryland to its present position are the extensive truck-farming operations in the state itself, together with its location as the



most northerly of the so-called southern states. The fifteen southern states which are the natural market for Maryland products, such as fertilizer, produce one-half of the total truck-crops of the country.

A further view of the extensive agricultural interests of Maryland is the extent of its canning and preserving of fruits and vegetables. Maryland is surpassed only by California in the value of its canned fruit and vegetable products, and it has within its boundaries 406 factories employing 7,645 people and producing canned goods having a value of \$28,422,000.

Of its raw materials limestone is widely distributed throughout the Piedmont and Appalachian regions of Maryland, the most important occurrences being in Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Washington and Alleghany counties.

The lime sold by Maryland producers during 1926 was 65,000 tons, valued at \$497,000. The total United States production of lime in 1926 was 4,580,000 tons, having value of \$40,800,000.

Coal mining in Maryland has shown a decline in the last twenty-five years, but the estimated coal reserves still give Maryland a fairly high rank as far as the future

is concerned, in that the area is estimated at 519 square miles, and the total coal reserves at 8,000,000,000 tons. The actual coal mined in 1926 was 2,697,000 tons, whereas, in 1900 it was 4,024,688 tons.

The trend of industry in Maryland is the erection of factories producing materials for a southern market, and we find Maryland becoming an important center for enameling and stamping, druggists' preparations (Maryland is the sixth state in this particular field), slaughtering and packing of meat, manufacture of straw hats, glass (particularly bottles), clothing, umbrellas, paints and jewelry.

A study of the foregoing information will indicate that Maryland has succeeded in holding an important position in the manufacturing arts despite its small area, its small population (1,580,000) and its lack of natural resources.

Maryland has a stable population and has always been remarkably free from labor difficulties, so that its industrial future seems assured and there should be a continued growth of its chemical manufactures, particularly products which are the result of the use of raw materials which can be conveyed cheaper by water than by rail.

## Chemical Manufacture in Philadelphia Area

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PHILADELPHIA is the chief center for the production and distribution of chemicals in the concentrated industrial area officially defined as the Third Federal Reserve District. This includes the eastern two-thirds of Pennsylvania, all of Delaware and the southern half of New Jersey. The 24,000 industrial plants of this district produce 10 per cent of the Nation's manufactures, having a total output valued at more than five billion dollars. The chemical and allied industries contribute a substantial proportion of this production.

Chemical manufacture, according to a regional survey made by the U. S. Department of Commerce, is more important in the Philadelphia district than in any of the states with the exception of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The chemical and allied industries employ more than 18,000 workers and produce approximately \$166,000,000 worth of products each year. This is far in excess of the local consumption, with the result that much of the output is shipped outside of the area.

The Delaware River, between Wilmington and Philadelphia, is the location of most of the large chemical plants of the district. Dyes and other organic chemicals, coal-tar crudes and intermediates, explosives, heavy chemicals, and paint and varnish are produced on a larger scale here than elsewhere in the United States.

Of the chemical engineering group, the most important single industry is the refining of petroleum. As a refining center Philadelphia has only in recent years taken second place to Metropolitan New York. Part of the crude oil is received through pipe lines direct from the producing fields and much of it brought in by tankers from California, Gulf Coast, Mexico and South America. While the Philadelphia district itself is a good market for refined products, its location is such that export shipments may be easily made not only to foreign

countries but also to the great eastern industrial centers. Eight large refineries in the district, employ about 6,000 workers and produce products valued at \$113,470,000.

From the standpoint of chemical consumption, Philadelphia's most important industry is textile manufacturing. There are no less than 1,150 establishments engaged in this industry and the annual output is about a half billion dollars worth of product. The importance of dyestuffs and chemicals arises from the fact that the textile mills or connected establishments carry on scouring, carbonizing, bleaching, mercerizing, dyeing and finishing operations. The Census lists 130 dyeing and finishing plants in the district that annually purchase \$15,700,000 worth of materials and produce a product valued at \$34,500,000.

Leather tanning is also a leading industry in the Philadelphia district, since 28 per cent of the country's total output is produced there. The annual value of output is in excess of \$263,000,000 with purchases of raw materials amounting to \$182,000,000. Tanning is the most important single industry in Delaware, with a production of about \$50,000,000. Large tanneries are located along the Delaware from Bristol to Wilmington. Philadelphia and Camden together are responsible for 45 per cent of the total production.

Trenton, which lies in the Philadelphia district, is an important center for the manufacture of tires and rubber goods, clay working, pottery and ceramic products. There are 15 rubber plants producing about \$30,000,000 worth of products and purchasing nearly \$18,000,000 worth of raw materials. Rubber hose is made on a large scale in Wilmington. The Trenton pottery industry produces nearly \$12,000,000 worth of products which are shipped to all parts of the United States. There are 19 portland cement plants in the district, having an output valued at \$50,000,000.

The paper and pulp industry is also of considerable importance although it is able to supply but about half of the requirements of the district. Plants within the Philadelphia city limits produce about 40 per cent of the \$25,000,000 total output of the district. Wilmington is the center for a sizeable vulcanized fiber industry that is a large consumer of certain chemicals.

## Metropolitan New York Still Chemical Capital

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RECENTLY the Merchants Association of New York City, working with a number of industrial and statistical organizations, defined a new Metropolitan District for New York to include all territory within forty miles of City Hall, New York City. This composite area consisting of parts of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut embraces 3,768 square miles and has a population of 9,472,500 people. In it are more than 30,000 factories with an annual output worth \$6,500,000,000. It is estimated that within this district are produced between 15 and 20 per cent of the total value of all chemicals and allied products manufactured in the United States. It is apparent, therefore, that Metropolitan New York is still the Nation's largest chemical center.

In 1924 the Committee on Plan of New York and Its Environs commissioned Dr. Mabel Newcomer to prepare an economic survey of the chemical industry of Metropolitan New York in relation to its present trends and probable future developments. The Newcomer report, published by the Committee as Economic Series Monograph No. 1, formed the basis of an article in *Chem. & Met.* (Vol. 30, No. 11, pages 422-5, March 17, 1924) to which the reader is referred for detailed economic and statistical information on the chemical industries of Metropolitan New York.

A most interesting trend observed at that time and since becoming even more emphasized is the tendency for the larger plants to migrate from the highly concentrated and densely populated centers toward the outlying sections of the area. Thus since 1917 there has been an actual decline in chemical manufacturing on Manhattan Island while certain branches of chemical engineering industry, such as soap making, petroleum refining, paint and varnish manufacture, and fertilizer production have disappeared entirely or are rapidly leaving Manhattan. This purely local migration is remarked here because the same economic forces at work in the Metropolitan area are forcing a national decentralization of chemical industry.

Records were obtained from 32 large chemical plants in Metropolitan New York which have moved during the past 25 years. Seventeen of these were originally on Manhattan, of which number eight moved to other sites on the Island, eight moved to New Jersey and one to Brooklyn. Of eight plants that were originally in Brooklyn, five moved to New Jersey, one to Richmond and two went out of the area to Buffalo and Baltimore, respectively. Six were New Jersey plants, five of which had moved from other sites in the same state while one moved to Pennsylvania. One plant came to New Jersey from the outside. The trend is evident: nine plants moved out of Manhattan while none moved in; eight moved out of Brooklyn and only one moved in; whereas fourteen have moved into New Jersey.

Analysis of the different branches of the chemical industry in Metropolitan New York reveals the extent to which concentration has taken place within the area.

The heavy chemical industry in New York has grown less rapidly than in the country as a whole. Measured in terms of both workers and output, the area still con-

tains about one-fourth of the heavy chemical industry of the United States. This concentration has been due primarily to the advantages offered by the harbor for cheap transportation of raw materials and distribution of finished products to the industrial markets consuming heavy chemicals.

The fine chemical industries, exclusive of toilet preparations but including drugs, pharmaceuticals and medicinals, is a typical metropolitan industry. In 1922 there were 328 plants in this industry, employing more than 8,000 persons and producing about 10 per cent of the country's output.

METROPOLITAN New York is the largest petroleum refining center in the world and there is a trend toward further expansion. The twelve important refineries handle about 300,000 bbl. of crude oil per day, which is approximately 12 per cent of the total refining capacity of the United States. Measured in terms of value of product, the New York refining industry represents about 20 per cent of the total for the industry of the entire country.

Although the paint and varnish industry carries on little or no manufacturing in New York City, there is substantial production in Brooklyn and in Newark. Nearly one-half of the varnish output of the United States is produced in the Metropolitan New York area and about one-fourth of the paint output. A related industry, linseed oil, is represented in the district by four plants, one of which is the largest linseed plant in the world. The market for linseed oil offered by the paint and varnish and oilcloth and linoleum industries of the district is a most important one.

The dye industry has shown some progress in outlying sections of the district, notably in Brooklyn and on the New Jersey meadows, but is not well represented in a manufacturing way in New York proper. The soap industry is another that is gradually moving from Manhattan, the number of wage earners there decreasing from 948 in 1904 to 347 in 1919. Larger plants have been established in Brooklyn, on Staten Island, and in New Jersey. Increasing freight rates have stimulated some of the companies to establish branch factories to supply soap formerly shipped from New York. Thus one large Jersey City manufacturer has opened a large factory in Louisville, Kentucky, to supply a territory formerly served from New Jersey. Although most of the chemical engineering industries have shown gains in spite of the general migration, the fertilizer industry appears to be at a standstill in Metropolitan New York. The reasons for this are that the markets are principally in the South and West, the raw materials are heavy and mostly do not originate in New York, and finally, the finished products have practically the same bulk as the raw materials.

There are many other branches of chemical industry in Metropolitan New York that might very well be discussed were space available. These examples, largely taken from the Newcomer report and the new Industrial Directory of New Jersey, are sufficient to show, however, there has been a trend away from New York in case of all of the chemical industries that are unable to profit by the distinctive advantages offered by the New York harbor and the concentration of many chemical consuming industries. On the other hand, those industries that can capitalize to the fullest extent on these advantages have shown remarkable and consistent growth in Metropolitan New York.



# Chemical Industries of VIRGINIA

## Occupy a Leading Position in the South

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WHEN one of the largest chemical companies in the world selects Virginia as the state in which to make an investment that will eventually exceed a hundred million dollars the industrial world, the bankers, and the country as a whole naturally must take notice. Within the past six months the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation has selected a point on Chesapeake Bay, Hopewell, Virginia, and will there build a great nitrate plant. Contracts have been let for the first unit costing ten million dollars. Governor Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia after a meeting with the heads of this corporation in New York reports the following reasons for the selection of Virginia for this plant—abundance of labor, attractive climatic conditions, proximity to mines, abundant power, ample transportation by land and water, nearness to eastern markets, and finally of as much importance as the preceding reasons, the hospitable attitude of Virginia in inviting industry and the certainty of favorable taxation, both present and future. This is assured by the definite state policy against bond issues, thus safeguarding those who locate in Virginia against the tendency of this period toward the pyramiding of bond issues and the increasing taxation which naturally ensues.

Virginia has been called the Mother of Industry on the American continent. Here were located the first glass factory, the first salt works, the first iron works and iron furnaces, the first baking powder plant, and the first place where leather was manufactured on this continent. Thus there was a variety of chemical industries in Virginia even in the beginning of our history, approximately 300 years ago.

STATISTICS furnished by John Hopkins Hall, Jr., of the Virginia State Bureau of Labor and Industry show the total of the output of Virginia's chemical industry in 1926 was valued at \$38,512,490. This total includes soda ash, caustic soda, bicarbonate of soda, metal foil, baking powder, fireworks, ink, yeast, oxygen,

acetylene gas, ferrochrome, pottery, and liquid sulphur dioxide. And last, and of great importance, the rayon industry the products of which have a value of \$25,264,312 for the year 1926.

In the January, 1927, issue of *Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering* tables are given showing the estimated chemical production and consumption in the United States, and Virginia's high rank is shown in these statistics in that it produced for the year 1923 over twenty-six million dollars worth of chemicals, while all of the industries within the state purchased approximately only eight and a half million dollars worth of similar products, showing a trade balance of chemicals shipped out of the state amounting to practically eighteen million dollars. This is by far the greatest total of any Southern state and is only exceeded by five other states: New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois, in the order named. Every one of these states has a population of more than double that of Virginia. This brief summary shows clearly the most excellent conditions that exist in Virginia to make it a great future center of the chemical industry of the United States.

IN a leading position among Virginia's chemical industries are many large independent concerns. Probably one of the greatest of these is the Mathieson Alkali Works, with its plant at Saltville in the Valley of Southwestern Virginia, a valley having an elevation of 1,750 feet above sea level. Here occur the largest salt and gypsum deposits south of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi, and from these natural salt brines this company produces primarily caustic soda, soda ash, and bicarbonate of soda. This plant is logically situated in relation to its raw material and the distribution to consumer markets inasmuch as the basic raw products necessary for its production consist primarily of salt and limestone which are immediately adjacent to the plant and under the control of the company. The principal additional raw material necessary to production, which is shipped in to the plant from outside, is coal, and this company is situated advantageously from a mileage standpoint as regards large production coal mines in nearby counties in Virginia.

The extensive improvements and developments of the Appalachian Power Company make power increasingly available at attractive rates, and the nearness to the es-

established coal fields makes the Saltville area an attractive manufacturing district. The products of the Mathieson Alkali Works are used by industries consuming chemicals and such industries in the Virginia district are pulp, paper, and textile mills, the artificial silk mills, glass works, the soap industry, oil industry, including cottonseed oil, and the iron and steel industry.

In the Saltville district are also located two large gypsum companies operating on gypsum deposits which are closely associated with the salt deposits of the Mathieson Alkali Works. These plants, the Southern Gypsum Company and the United States Gypsum Company, make all types of gypsum products. Since these are the only gypsum mines east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio River, they enjoy an excellent trade which, will doubtless increase as the industrial development of the South goes forward.

Sulphuric acid, the barometer, as it has often been stated, of civilization, is likewise manufactured in Virginia. The plant of the General Chemical Company is located at Pulaski where acid is made from sulphide ores mined in an adjacent Virginia county near the town of Galax. In this part of Virginia occurs an ore belt known as the Great Gossan Lead, extending through several counties. This is a territory in which occurs a prominent vein of pyrite and pyrrhotite. It has been worked at a number of places and has produced in the past a great tonnage of ore and will undoubtedly produce much more in the future.

Another great source of sulphuric acid in Virginia is the pyrite district in Louisa and Spotsylvania counties which centers around the town of Mineral. Here occur extensive deposits of pyrite ore which have been worked to a depth of 1,500 feet. These mines, however, were shut down a few years ago when the price of sulphur from the Gulf Coast dropped to such a low point, but with the rise in the price of sulphur it is considered possible that these mines will shortly again be opened. There are undoubtedly large reserves of pyrite ore in this district.

**I**N THE TEXTILE industry Virginia has taken first rank as a maker of artificial silk. One of the largest plants of this type is located at Roanoke where the Viscose Corporation operate at the present time. The duPonts have purchased property near Richmond, Virginia, but the development of this property into an artificial silk plant has not yet been decided upon. If such a plant is located there, it will probably be one of the largest of its kind in the country. At Hopewell, Virginia, there is already located an artificial silk plant belonging to the Tubize Artificial Silk Company. The conditions in Tidewater Virginia along the tidal portions of the tributaries of Chesapeake Bay, as well as in southwestern Virginia, seem to be ideal for the location of such textile industries. Here can be found large quantities of water of the proper quality and quantity and other conditions which go to make a successful manufacturing center.

The greatest chemical development taking place in Virginia at the present time is that of the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, which company has started the installation of the first unit of a great plant for the fixation of nitrogen. This company has for the past five years had in operation an experimental plant involving a research investment of approximately \$4,500,000, devoted to the manufacture and intensive study of nitrogen fixation. This work to date justifies the initiation of

new installation, of large capacity, with a view to producing from raw material available in the United States synthetic nitrogen products in quantities sufficiently large to enable the United States to be independent eventually of importation of these products either as units of fertilizer or as munitions for the national defense. The economics as to plant location and the technical processes available at Muscle Shoals did not prove of interest and the company, therefore, has acquired a large acreage, accessible to both rail and deep-water carriers, at Hopewell, Virginia, for the location of the first installation.

In the lime industry Virginia occupies an important place. The total value of the annual output of this product is close to three million dollars. A number of modern plants are located in the Valley of Virginia and produce lime for chemical and other industries. Very high grade deposits of limestone occur at many points and they have been utilized by these companies in producing a product of the highest purity and quality.

**M**INERALS play an important part in Virginia's chemical industry. The state has a great diversity of such mineral resources. At the present time thirty-two minerals are being mined commercially, and those minerals which are so important in the chemical industry, such as coal, lime, limestone, salt, and pyrite occur in extensive deposits. Virginia has a practical monopoly on a material used almost exclusively in the making of acid-proof vats, sinks and laboratory furniture used extensively by the chemical industry. This material is known as Alberene stone. It is a ferro magnesium silicate which is quarried in Albemarle and Nelson counties of the Piedmont section of Virginia. Large mills and quarries are in operation and prepare this stone for the use of a constantly growing market. To the paint trade Virginia should be of interest on account of its red iron ores, its manganese, its ochre, and its rutile area, for in Nelson County occurs the largest rutile mine in the United States.

The coal deposits of Virginia are well developed and the total tonnage for 1926, according to the Virginia Bureau of Labor and Industry was 13,949,224 tons, with a value of \$27,098,734.

One of the greatest assets of industry located in Virginia is the Port of Hampton Roads, as through this great harbor products can be shipped to all parts of the world and raw materials which do not occur in this section can likewise be received. The cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, and Suffolk cluster around this great harbor. It is one of the greatest coal ports on this continent with annual shipments running as high as twenty-one million tons. It is likewise of first rank as a tobacco port, handling annually for foreign shipment leaf tobacco approximating in value \$130,000,000.

Finally, the economic fact most likely to attract chemical industry to Virginia is the increasing growth of the South as the manufacturing and commercial section of the country, as shown by the number of new textile and other industrial operations that have located in the South during the past five years. The availability of raw materials within the State such as silica, sand, shale, limestone, coal, salt, pyrite, and gypsum makes this an especially desirable area on which to center chemical industry. It is an area at the gateway to the South. It is likewise in close proximity to the markets of the North and East and, through the Port of Hampton Roads, to the great industrial markets of the world.



# Natural Resources of WEST VIRGINIA

## Invite Many Chemical Operations

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**W**EST VIRGINIA lies south of the Mason and Dixon line except for four counties in the Western Panhandle which are bounded on the east by Pennsylvania and on the west by the Ohio River. The Allegheny Mountains divide the state from Virginia on the east and the south eastern part, except for the three counties in the Eastern Panhandle which are in the Shenandoah Valley and are bounded on the north by the Potomac River and on the east by the Shenandoah River. The Big Sandy River divides the State from Kentucky on the south and southwest. The State contains 54 counties with an approximate area of 24,600 square miles.

An economic geological survey of the state of West Virginia shows that she holds a large reserve of raw material essential and well adapted for making chemical products. West Virginia rivers and railroads are so located as to provide ample transportation facilities of raw and finished products to all markets. The climate is characterized by moderate variations in temperature, both from season to season and from day to day. The mean annual temperature is less than 60 deg. F., ranging from 34 deg. in February to 76 deg. in July.

The Great Appalachian Coal Basin extends in a southwest direction between the Allegheny Mountains and the Ohio River, from Pennsylvania through Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee into Alabama. The shape of this basin is like a crude canoe, with one end resting in Pennsylvania and the other in Alabama, while the broadest part of this basin rests in West Virginia. In this basin are found some of the best coals in the world. The coals are particularly well adapted for the use of the chemical industry, and the manufacture of all coal products, e.g. ammonia liquor, benzol and tar are the usual byproducts from this operation. The manufacture of fertilizers, medicines, explosives, dyes, perfumes, illuminating gas and many of the finished products essential to modern life begins with these raw materials.

The state has 160,000,000,000 tons of coal stored be-

neath the surface in its mountains. West Virginia was second in the United States in the mining and production of bituminous coal for a number of years until the year 1926, when her output of 140,000,000 tons considerably exceeded that of her nearest rival, Pennsylvania.

Oil and gas are other raw materials productive in West Virginia. Oil was first developed as early as 1805 in the Kanawha Valley near Charleston, in boring for salt water. Not much was done until nearly sixty years afterwards when oil was developed at Burning Springs in Wirt County. The State reached the peak of her production in 1901, when 14,177,126 bbl. was produced. Geologists estimate it will produce oil for more than 60 years.

For many years West Virginia produced and marketed commercially much more natural gas than any other state in the union. The peak of her gas production was reached in 1917 when the state produced 308,617,100,000 cu.ft. Since that time the production has been gradually declining. Geologists estimate that the State will produce gas for at least 50 years more. Borings made outside of known producing area indicate that the state will have a much larger territory for natural gas than was once supposed.

Gasoline is largely recovered from natural gas. This unblended product had a value in 1922 of nearly \$10,000,000. From the plants in West Virginia it is transported to refineries for proper blending before marketing to the user. The gas also serves as raw material from which are manufactured a number of chemicals for different uses such as the olefine derivatives and amyl alcohol. Several plants are located in Kanawha County and extensive experiments are being made for obtaining other chemical products from natural gas.

West Virginia is well located for manufacturing purposes on account of its raw materials and cheap, excellent transportation facilities. A large plant has been recently installed at South Charleston for the manufacture of ethylene, acetone, solvents for rubber, dye, varnish products, and new products like ethylene glycol, glycol-diacetate, and ethylene dichloride. Among the hydrocarbon gases produced are commercial propane and ethylene.

Manufacture of salt was one of the earliest chemical industries in West Virginia. The southern part of the State is underlaid with a large basin of salt brine in

different strata, ranging in depth from 70 ft. to 2,200 ft. Wells are bored, the brine is pumped into vats and evaporated in several of the salt plants still in operation in the State. The byproducts recovered from the salt and used by chemical manufacturers include bromine, iodine and calcium and magnesium chlorides. The salt, when carefully made, analyzes 98 to 99 per cent NaCl, the remaining portion being made up of the chlorides of magnesium and calcium. It is of excellent grade and well adapted for chemical purposes in manufacturing caustic soda and chlorine. The largest chlorine production in the world is carried on at a new plant in South Charleston and chlorine is also used in producing carbon tetrachloride and amyl alcohol.

West Virginia has a large area of limestone on its eastern boundary. The great Greenbrier limestone strata extends in a southwest and northeast direction parallel to the Allegheny Mountains from Maryland to Virginia, running through Webster, Randolph, Greenbrier, Summers, Monroe and Nicholas Counties. Also a deposit of the Shenandoah limestone outcrops in Berkley and Jefferson Counties. Thus the state is rich in this valuable raw material for the manufacture of steel, lime, cement and chemical products. The physical character of this limestone varies in color from nearly white to a dark blue, and from hard crystalline rock to a soft stone. This limestone is mined and marketed in several places in the eastern part of the state.

The chemical composition of the limestone shows the following analysis, published by the State Geological Survey:

Calcium Carbonate .....	84 per cent to 92 per cent
Magnesium Carbonate .....	2 per cent to 4 per cent
Silica .....	2 per cent to 4 per cent
Alum .....	1 per cent to 2 per cent
Iron Oxide .....	Less than 1 per cent

Several plants are mining and manufacturing the limestone for construction purposes such as highway building and railroad ballast, and for chemical purposes, such as manufacture of lime, cement and calcium carbide.

West Virginia has a large stand of timber within its borders and a considerable quantity of wood is being manufactured into pulp. The Table I, published by the United States Bureau of Mines for the year 1923, shows the value of minerals and mineral products manufactured in the state:

Table I—Mineral Production in West Virginia in 1923.

Bromine.....	140,060 Lb.	\$20,863
Calcium Chloride.....	10,607 Net tons	62,376
Clay products.....	76,315 Net tons	17,574,096
Clay (raw).....	107,899,941 Net tons	158,294
Coal.....	1,762,775 Net tons	285,481,000
Coke.....	241,601 long tons	11,103,716
Grindstone, pulp, etc.....	478,520 Gal.	2,029,061
Mineral water (sold).....	203,867,000 M cu.ft.	79,447
Natural gas.....	63,338,000 Gal.	69,981,000
Gasoline.....	6,358,000 Bbl.	8,890,000
Petroleum.....	31,589 Net tons	20,822,000
Salt.....	2,437,600 Net tons	284,196
Sand and gravel.....	2,550,710 Net tons	3,200,648
Sandstone.....		2,660,415
Miscellaneous.....		2,304,249
Total.....		\$412,866,535

The clay industry of the state has a promising future. When the important deposits become fully prospected and are carefully considered in connection with the excellent transportation facilities, both by water and rail, and the proximity to markets, the clay industry should increase and develop into one of the best sources of wealth in the state. The clays are developed in the Eastern Panhandle, Western Panhandle and in the south and central parts and are manufactured into different commercial products.

West Virginia is one of the most important glass manufacturing centers in the United States on account of the abundant and cheap gas fuel and the large supplies of high-grade glass sand and pure limestone. Nearly all of the raw materials required for the manufacture of glass are found within the state. Glass sand is mined in Berkley county from the Silurian series and in Fayette county from the Middle Pottsville series.

CHEMICAL plants were first located in West Virginia more than twenty-five years ago and during the years 1915 to 1920 a large number of plants have been built within the state, especially, during the War period. There has been a marked increase even within the past year, thus giving encouraging evidence that West Virginia is destined to be a most important center of chemical industry.

This trend has been the result of a number of factors, the most important of which are the abundance of raw materials, excellent transportation facilities and attractive labor conditions. The working population of West Virginia has already proved itself adaptable to manufacturing iron and steel, chemical products, glass and kindred ceramic materials. The industries have at command many social, educational and religious advantages. Climate is equable and tends to stimulate labor to its greatest efficiency. Open shop conditions prevail in industries of the state, and in the local building trades. Several central power stations have high-tension electric lines traversing the entire area and furnishing available electric power at a cost that would be difficult to duplicate in any other state. Thus from all angles West Virginia is well equipped for manufacturing chemicals and the many other manufactured products in which chemicals are used.

## Mechanics of Fertilizer Preparation

APPARENTLY the response of the growing plant to a fertilizer is determined by composition and by manner and uniformity of distribution. This generalization is offered by W. H. Ross, A. R. Merz, and their co-workers in the Bureau of Soils as a result of their investigation of the mechanical behavior of fertilizer constituents and fertilizer mixtures. The mechanical condition and drillability under given conditions of temperature and humidity are, therefore, of great practical importance. Feed of a fertilizer through the drill varies with its apparent specific gravity and with the size of the particles. A material of uniform grains of about 20 mesh "can be distributed much more uniformly than the same product in the form of a fine powder or of a mixture of particles varying widely in size." Granulating processes for proper preparation of the fertilizer materials in uniformly sized particles were described in a paper recently presented before the A.C.S. Fertilizer Division.

Increasing percentages of nitrogen compounds and other soluble constituents in fertilizers increases the importance of controlling hygroscopicity. Measurements in practice indicate that the hygroscopic characteristic varies with the vapor pressure of the saturated solution of the substance, but that a mixture may have greater, intermediate, or less hygroscopic character than the properties of the original constituent materials would imply. Field and laboratory experiments both indicate that proper mechanical form is more important in controlling this property than is the chemical composition.



# Opportunities in MISSISSIPPI

## *Emphasized by Flood Disaster*

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**I**NFLUENCE of the recent flood disaster upon the development of chemical possibilities in the states of the Southern Mississippi Valley is a factor apparently overlooked in the considerable discussion that has gone abroad concerning the unhappy plight of the people of this area. In the light of a most remarkable rehabilitation program now in its final stages, it is possible to make a dispassionate survey of the situation in the lower valley and to observe that the next five years promise to see the people of this territory making more progress with their opportunities in this direction than ever before.

In this connection attention to the minerals possibilities of Mississippi has recently been drawn by L. J. Folse, general manager of the Mississippi State Board of Development. He points out that the northeastern portion of the state is rich in many valuable non-metallic minerals. Extending across the state from Meridian to Vicksburg is an important deposit of high-grade limestone. Following the Alabama line in Tishomingo and Itawamba counties, in the extreme northeastern section, is an area of paleozoic formation which carries a variety of clays, shales, limestone, building stone, glass sand and asphalt rock. West of this vicinity from the Tennessee line southward, is an important area of cretaceous formation rich in brick, pottery and tile clays, iron ore, limestone and paint pigments. Building and moulding sand, tile clays, bauxite, iron ore, bentonite and novaculite form other deposits awaiting development in another belt still farther west.

From a mineral standpoint, Dr. Henry Mace Payne, consulting engineer for the American Mining Congress, classes as possibly the richest single horizon in the state, the area extending from central Benton county westward into DeSoto county and southeastward to Kemper and Lauderdale counties, where it passes into Alabama. This embraces the great lignite belt of Mississippi in which, at Louisville, Winston county, there is a limited area of sub-bituminous coal of superior grade. This coal, officially tested, proves to be superior to any

lignite and is about midway in heating value between lignite and good bituminous coal, burning to a fine, white, powdery ash, devoid of clinker.

A high silica refractory known as baukite has been developed and shown to exist on a commercial scale. This mineral has been known to metallurgy for only about five years. It originally was mined in the Austrian Tyrol, deriving its name from the small town where it was mined. A limited deposit of the material, varying less than one per cent in analysis, was found located in eastern Tennessee. Dr. Payne predicts that it will become the greatest refractory known for high temperature work.

Mississippi's happy position for mineral development is strengthened by a rail transportation system hardly equaled by any other state, with magnificent opportunities for distribution. Other factors are favorable climate, availability of good, cheap labor, with laws favorable to industry and commerce. What is being done toward developing consumption of these materials? What has the flood to do with this situation? Just this: The flood disaster has brought to the Mississippi Valley the inquiring eyes of men of industry of all sections of America. It is through the coming about of adequate rehabilitation and industrial development that men of vision can see a great transformation destined for this section—a transformation that calls for gigantic paper mills, furniture factories, paint and chemical factories.

An indication of what is promised for this section is this: During the first six months of 1927 Mississippi received more applications for charters for doing business in the state from so-called foreign capital than for the entire year of 1926, and 1926, incidentally, was one of the greatest years in the history of the state. Laws favorable to industry, coming about largely through the initiative of L. O. Crosby and L. J. Folse, in a huge development program, served to attract capital from all sections. At the end of the year foreign capital seeking to do business in the state amounted to \$219,000,000—about fifteen or twenty times greater than that for the combined preceding five years! Yet in the first six months of 1927, in the period of the great flood disaster, this state received bids from foreign capital aggregating \$275,000,000!

As this industrial growth continues, one may be sure that the market for chemicals, for mineral deposits, for converting these raw materials into articles on commerce, will grow at a rate unprecedented in the section's history.

## Identification System for Process Piping

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** With the support of the National Safety Council and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a complete systematic plan for piping identification has been issued by the American Engineering Standards Committee. Abstracts from the plan are given herewith.

For quite a long time pipe lines in various industrial plants have been painted in different colors for the purpose of ready identification. Because the selection of colors has been arbitrary and influenced by local conditions, and because a comprehensive extension of such schemes soon involves a mass of detail which automatically renders them impracticable, the inadvisability of recommending any of them for adoption as a universal Scheme is fairly obvious.

It is equally obvious that to attempt to outline a code in identification, would result in a system that would automatically be rendered impossible in those industries which do not have a major group of colors allocated to its products. It is found, however, that any materials transported in pipes in a plant fall in one of the following classifications:

**Safe Products.** These products are those involving no hazard in their handling and no extraordinary high value. A workman will run no undue risks in breaking into a pipe bearing a safe material.

**Dangerous Materials.** These materials are those which are in themselves hazardous to life or property.

**Protective Materials.** Under this class fall materials which are piped through plants for the express purpose of being available to prevent or minimize the hazard of the dangerous materials above mentioned. These include, for example, ammonia for combating phosgene fumes.

**Extra Valuable Materials.** These might be classified with the safe materials, but where these products have a very high value, it is preferable to give them a separate major classification.

**Fire-Protection Equipment.** This classification includes sprinkler systems and other fire-fighting equipment.

The standard scheme proposes the use of an identification mark made up of three distinct parts: (a) an identifying band of color or a solid color for the entire line which indicates to which of the main classifications the material belong; (b) a stenciled legend, abbreviated or otherwise, placed on the color band and naming the

material carried; and/or (c) where desired, additional colored stripes of contrasting hues at the edge of the color band. These identification marks shall be placed at intervals throughout the piping system to ensure ready identification during repair operations and in an emergency.

The colors allotted under (a) above are as follows:

Safe products	Green or the achromatic colors, white, black, gray, or aluminum
Dangerous materials	Yellow or orange
Protective materials	Bright blue
Extra valuable materials	Deep purple
Fire-protection equipment	Red

In any complete color scheme of this sort the natural basis is the solar spectrum and the spectral hues may be grouped in their natural order in the form of a circle. The illustration shows the arrangement of colors.

The committee suggests the following pigments for use:

**No. 1—Toluidin Red.** Fairly fast to aqueous acids, alkalis, and sulphur. Adds to the life of vehicles.

**No. 2—Paranitranilin Red.** Similar to the toluidin and cheaper, but has a slight solubility in the vehicle.

**No. 3.** A mixed pigment consisting of an organic red similar to toluidin mixed with zinc yellow. Fast to alkalis and sulphur but not to acids. Mixed with cadmium yellow in place of the zinc yellow it becomes fast to acids as well.

**No. 4. Orange-Chrome Yellow.** The regular color for ordinary use. Fast to alkalis but not to acids or sulphur.

**No. 5.** Yellow ochre toned up with bright yellow. Where chrome yellows cannot be used this is a good low-priced pigment and is fast to everything.

**No. 6—Cadmium Lithopone.** A combination of cadmium sulphide and blanc fixe. Fast to everything, but the available supply is limited and the cost high.

**No. 7—Chrome Yellow Lemon.** For general use. Fast to acids but not to caustic alkali or sulphur.

**No. 8.** Chrome oxide toned up with a little yellow. A moderately low-priced oxide and fast to everything.

**No. 9—Ordinary Chrome Green Light.** Fast to weak acids but not to alkali or sulphur.

**No. 10.** Prussian blue tint with a base white of Titanox. Fast to acid, fairly resistant to sulphur, easily affected by alkali.

**No. 11.** Ultramarine blue tint with a base white of zinc oxide. Fast to alkalis and sulphur but not to acids.

**No. 12.** Base white of Titanox tinted with alizarine purple. Fast to everything.

For outside exposure linseed oil is the most durable vehicle. Where higher resistance to water is required and for interior use tung oil varnishes may be used.

In the matter of further and complete identification the Committee finally arrived at the conclusion that such marking should consist principally of a lettered legend, abbreviated or otherwise, naming the material carried in the pipe line. The following letter sizes were adopted:



Schematic Diagram for Identification of Colors

Outside Diameter of Pipe or Covering	Size of Stencil Letter	Outside Diameter of Pipe or Covering	Size of Stencil Letter
1 1/2" — 1 1/2"	1"	6"	1 1/2"
1 1/2" — 2"	1"	7"	2"
2" — 3"	1"	8" — 9"	2 1/2"
3" — 4"	1 1/2"	10" — 11"	3"
4" — 5"	1 1/2"	12" and over	3 1/2"



# CHEMICAL ENGINEER'S BOOKSHELF

## Dyeing of Fabrics

THE DYEING OF TEXTILE FIBERS. By R. S. Horsfall and L. G. Lawrie. D. Van Nostrand Company, New York. 415 pp. Price, \$9.00.

THE DYEING OF COTTON FABRICS. By A. J. Hall. D. Van Nostrand Company, New York. 296 pp. Price, \$5.00.

Reviewed by CHARLES E. MULLIN

MOST books upon dyeing treat the subject from the viewpoint of the dyestuffs, rather than from that of the fibers to be dyed. Horsfall and Lawrie have written from the latter standpoint and the result is an exceptionally interesting and complete book. Their scheme allows a brief discussion of the fibers and their properties before taking up the principles involved in dyeing them and the actual dyeing operations.

The book is divided into sixteen chapters. The introductory, which constitutes the first chapter, covers much more than the usual introduction, and besides the historical survey of the art of dyeing, covers color, its measurement, color blending and harmony, as well as an excellent review of the theories advanced to explain the phenomenon of dyeing. Chapter II covers the characteristics, physical and chemical properties of cotton, organdie and similar finishes, and immunized cotton. Chapter III briefly covers singeing, bleaching and mercerizing. The actual dyeing of cotton, as well as the machinery involved, is covered in Chapter IV, of about 100 pages. Chapter V covers the bast fibers. The rayons and rayon dyeing are discussed in Chapter VI.

Chapters VII and VIII cover the characteristics, physical and chemical properties of wool, while Chapter IX gives an excellent account of the various dyestuffs used upon wool, the methods and machinery used in their application, and more briefly, wool finishing processes. The chief characteristics of silk, its physical and chemical properties, processes previous to dyeing, its dyestuffs and their application, are considered in Chapter XI.

Chapter XII is entirely devoted to indigo and the new solubilized vat dyestuffs. Chapter XIII gives an excellent account of dyestuff valuation and the various fastness tests. Water and water softening processes are discussed, in relation to dyeing, in Chapter XIV; while the various protecting agents, dispersing agents, wetting-out agents, organic solvents, and other more common dye-house reagents are covered in Chapter XV. The usual tables useful to dyers are found in Chapter XVI.

The book is well balanced, lucid and readable. Among the interesting and valuable features, frequently neglected by technical authors, are the references at the end of each chapter and the bibliography at the end of the book. It is well indexed and has an unusual feature in the special dyestuffs index, which is especially desirable and valuable in this particular book due to its arrangement and method of treating the subject.

"The Dyeing of Cotton Fabrics" really constitutes the third edition of Beech's book upon the same subject. Mr. Hall, the author of the present edition, needs no introduction to the textile industry of America as he has made numerous contributions to the technical literature,

both in America and abroad. The book is divided into ten chapters. Chapter I covers the structure of the cotton fiber; Chapter II the bleaching of cotton, and stains and damages in bleached goods. Dyeing machinery and manipulations are covered in Chapter III. The principles and practice of cotton dyeing, including an abundance of color formulas, are discussed in Chapter IV, covering 122 pages. The dyeing of unions is considered in Chapters V and VI, the former treating cotton and wool, and the latter cotton and silk.

To the average dyer, probably the most interesting section of the book is Chapter VII, covering the dyeing of the rayons. The author is especially qualified to write upon this subject and while that which is given is of the best, it is all too brief. The operations following dyeing, i.e., washing, soaping, hydroextracting, steaming, drying, etc., are discussed in Chapter VIII; and the testing of color fastness is considered in Chapter IX. Chapter X covers experimental dyeing and the evaluation of dyestuffs. An excellent index forms a valuable feature of the book.

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## Patents

PATENTS. By R. S. Hoar. The Ronald Press Company, New York. 232 pp. Price, \$4.50.

Reviewed by BRUCE K. BROWN

The book is intended to advise the business executive, —to tell him what he should know and what he should do in the patent field. Chapters 7 and 8 on "Tactics" and "Interferences" are good in this respect and throughout the text there occasionally appear pointed paragraphs that explode many popular misconceptions.

The text is badly unbalanced,—so much so that a better title would be "What an Official of a Machinery Manufacturing Company Should Know about Patents." "Processes" and "Compositions" received scant attention, if any; and consequently it is not surprising to find that there is no adequate treatment of prior publications as references. Practically all of the specific examples and law points cited are in the machinery art and the continual stress laid on patents as anticipatory matter tends to lead the uninformed astray.

Patent attorneys will question some of the points of law expounded, for instance the confusion of two infringement defences at pages 29-30. The plan laid down for the organization of a "Patent Department" is quite different from that in vogue in most of the large chemical corporations.

Unusual effort has been expended to make the book readable and there is an elaborate and helpful series of cross references.

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THE ESSENTIAL OILS. By Horace Finckmore. D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., New York. 880 pp. Price, \$20.

The book is a comprehensive compilation of available chemical data on the essential oils, giving the known constituents of these oils, the methods by which these constituents were determined to be present, and where

available, the authority or discoverer of the constituent. The material is arranged under 56 divisions according to botanical family groups. Each oil is treated in a separate sub-division. The source of the oil and method of extraction are given, together with any plant characteristics that tend to change the character of the oil. In many cases the commercial substitutes or adulterants of the oil are given. In the case of the most important commercial oils the subjects of cultivation of the plant and production of the oil is taken up in more detail.

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## Edible Oils

THE CHEMISTRY AND EXAMINATION OF EDIBLE OILS AND FATS, THEIR SUBSTITUTES AND ADULTERANTS. By G. D. Elsdon, Lancashire County Analyst. D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., New York. 521 pp. Price, \$12.50.

Reviewed by DAVID WESSON

IN LOOKING over the book one is immediately impressed with the great amount of information between its covers. In some respects it might almost be called a compendium of all the material relating to the subject to be found in the *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry* and *The Analyst*. It contains 273 tables in the text and nine more in the seven appendices.

As indicated by the title, the book largely deals with analytical data, and goes very fully into the various factors affecting the same, as illustrated in the following instances: Composition of fat from various parts of a hog; variations in constants from the same animal; fatty acids from the same animal; fatty acids in butter fat from cows in different periods of lactation; effect of diet on fat of animals.

Hydrogenated oils have been treated in a separate chapter which is a valuable resumé of their properties.

As an example of the thoroughness with which the different oils are treated, thirteen pages are given to cottonseed oil. Leaving out the technology, of which there is little, and which is not satisfying, the analytical information is up to date and valuable.

Like many European publications the binding is poor; paper and typographical work are good.

The author's co-workers, E. R. Bolton, C. A. Mitchell, A. W. Knapp, J. A. Sutcliffe, and J. R. Stubbe, fully insure the value of the work as authoritative. It merits a place in the library of every chemist interested in the analysis of fats and oils.

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## Minerals in 1926

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY, its Statistics, Technology and Trade during 1926. Volume XXXV. Edited by G. A. Roush, Associate Editor, Allison Butts. McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 878 pages. Price, \$12.

Since its inception in 1892 thirty-five volumes have appeared in this impressive series of annual reviews of minerals and metals. Few other industries have available for their use such a comprehensive record of statistics and technical progress. Since these volumes deal with many of the raw materials of chemical industry, they also offer a fund of useful economic information to the chemical manufacturer or to anyone intending to enter that field. In addition to the forty-five specialized chapters in which competent authorities discuss the individual commodity groups, there are almost 100 pages of mineral statistics from the principal countries of the world.

PHOSPHORIC ACID, PHOSPHATES AND PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZERS. By Wm. H. Waggaman, scientist in fertilizer investigations, Bureau of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, assisted by Henry W. Easterwood, formerly chemist, Bureau of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture. American Chemical Society, Monograph Series. The Chemical Catalog Company, Inc., New York. 370 pp. Price, \$7.50.

The authors of "Phosphoric Acid, Phosphates and Phosphatic Fertilizers" have performed a useful service by compiling and critically reviewing the extensive literature on this subject. Opening with a description of elemental phosphorus, phosphorus oxides and acids, the authors discuss the phosphate resources of the United States and of the world. This is followed by chapters on the manufacture of phosphates and phosphoric acid, including a discussion of comparative advantages of the sulphuric acid and volatilization processes. Three chapters on uses of phosphates and phosphoric acid conclude the text material. Perhaps the most valuable feature of the book is an excellent patent list, 23 pages long, which appears to be for most purposes inclusive, at least as regards United States patents.

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CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CATALOG. Twelfth Annual Edition, 1927. The Chemical Catalog Company, Inc., New York. 1160 pp. Price, \$3.

The 1927 edition of the Chemical Engineering Catalog upholds the high standard of previous issues. Because this work is so well known and so widely used throughout the chemical engineering industries, little else need be said of it. Revised and brought up to date, it remains the standard equipment and material catalog in its field.

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BROWN'S DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN GAS COMPANIES AND GAS ENGINEERING AND APPLIANCE CATALOGUE. 1927 Edition. Robbins Publishing Company, Inc., New York. 828 pp. Price, \$10.

Brown's Directory is a standard reference work for all those interested in the gas industry. The statistical section on gas companies and the directories of gas companies and members of gas associations are particularly useful and complete. In addition, the condensed catalog section contains an increased fund of information on equipment, appliances and materials.

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GENERAL CHEMISTRY, THEORETICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE. By Thomas P. McCutcheon, professor of inorganic chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, and Harry Seltz, assistant professor of physical chemistry, Carnegie Institute of Technology. D. Van Nostrand Company, New York. 415 pp. Price \$3.50.

The author has produced a book intended for students of general chemistry. The book is divided into two parts, the first part being an exposition of the theory, and the second part is the familiar descriptive chemistry. The book should be useful to instructors who prefer a foundation of theory, even in the freshman year.

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SYNTHETIC RUBBER. By S. P. Schatz, consulting chemist and chemical engineer. D. Van Nostrand Company, New York. 144 pp. Price \$6.

The author discusses the following subjects: raw materials for the production of synthetic rubber (isoprene, butadiene and dimethylbutadiene); the polymerization of the foregoing raw materials; vulcanization; stabilization; properties and constitution of natural caoutchouc and synthetic rubber; and the history of synthetic rubber.



## Selections from Recent Literature

**BENZALDEHYDE PRESERVATIVE.** Max Brunner. *Helvetica Chimica Acta*, Oct., pp. 707-28. Various anti-oxygenic agents were tried for their effect on the "induction period" of the autoxidation of benzaldehyde. Iodine, hydroquinone and diphenylamine were found to be particularly effective. Benzoic acid has some retarding effect, especially if activated with iodine. The results are considered to be applicable to many easily oxidizable substances. The theory of autoxidation and anti-oxygen action is discussed in detail.

**ANTHRAQUINONES.** Arthur Locher and Hans E. Fierz. *Helvetica Chimica Acta*, Oct., pp. 642-70. 2-Methylantraquinone cannot be directly sulphonated. 1-Nitro-2-methylantraquinone, unlike its isomers, is stable to boiling aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The sulphite method yields 2-methyl-1-antraquinone sulphonic acid only at high temperature; Cu favors the reaction but Fe retards it. Some other derivatives of 1-nitro-2-methylantraquinone are described.

**REINFORCED CONCRETE.** Julius Meyer and Kurt Pukall. *Chemiker-Zeitung*, Oct. 1, pp. 757-8. A study was made of the action of cement and gypsum plaster on Al, Mg, Ca and their alloys. Of these, Mg showed the most resistance of the three metals, but not enough to be safe in any structural use with cement or plaster. If the light metals are to be used at all it must be only after proper preliminary tests and with due caution.

**CAUSTICIZING SODA.** Hirschberg. *Chemiker-Zeitung*, Oct. 5, p. 765. The Blattner process, an improvement on the Löwig process, has showed sufficient promise in trials so that an experimental plant is being built. A metal oxide which liberates  $\text{CO}_2$  is used for causticizing, and the  $\text{CO}_2$  is recovered by absorption in  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution and calcination of the bicarbonate precipitate.

**SULPHITE CELLULOSE.** Erik Hagglund and Torsten Johnson. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 6, pp. 1101-4. The relation between fluorescence and reddening is studied in detail. The violet fluorescence (entirely distinct from the violet color imparted to wood by some acids) is due to some lignosulphonic acid group or component which is readily oxidized. The red color appears after oxidation destroys fluorescence.

**OXIDIZING AMMONIA.** Leonid Andrussov. *Zeitschrift für anorganische Chemie*, Sept., pp. 60-2. The influence of alkaline surfaces, which tend to oxidize  $\text{NH}_3$  to nitrite-nitrate and not free nitrogen, is explained on the assumption that nitroxyl is first formed, and that the alkali immediately combines with it. Further oxidation then follows.

**OXIDIZING AMMONIA.** Leonid Andrussov. *Berichte*, Sept., pp. 2005-18. It is shown that the influences favoring

formation of free nitrogen at the expense of the oxide yield can be very much lessened, e.g., by avoiding overheating of the catalyst, regulating the thickness of catalyst layers, and adjusting conditions so as to extend the optimum temperature range to the lowest possible temperature. Curves and tables are given.

**ALDEHYDE-ANILINE.** A. E. Chichibabin and M. P. Oparina. *Berichte*, Sept., pp. 1873-6. Evidence is offered to show that the Skraup reaction is only a special case of the Doebner and von Miller and the Chichibabin reactions for making substituted quinolines. As a contact agent,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  favors formation of lepidine compounds in the reaction of acetaldehyde with aniline and the like.

**ELECTROPLATING.** S. Wernick. *Industrial Chemist*, Sept., pp. 385-8. Illustrated account of factors governing adhesion of deposit, porosity, uniformity, soundness and covering power, and precautions to be observed in coating metals to prevent corrosion.

**ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL.** Harvey S. Garlick. *Industrial Chemist*, Sept., pp. 392-4. Occurrence, properties, manufacture and commercial uses; petroleum and acetone as raw materials; chemical derivatives; probable future developments.

**BY-PRODUCT RECOVERY.** R. Gunder-son. *Industrial Chemist*, Sept., pp. 397-402. Illustrated description of current British practice in by-product distillation (still process) in coke plants.

**SYNTHETIC AMMONIA.** Howard W. Strong. *Industrial Chemist*, Sept., pp. 403-5. Illustrated description of the Badische works at Oppau; published by permission of the I. G.

**WOOD PRESERVATION.** R. Nowotny. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Sept. 22, pp. 1060-2. Experimental proof is given that water-soluble wood preservatives, e. g.  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ , continue to penetrate deeped into wood, such as telegraph poles, during storage after treatment. This fact is considered to be particularly important for the new "cobra" process of treating wood.

**CARBON IN STEEL.** P. W. Doehmer. *Chemiker-Zeitung*, Sept. 21, pp. 725-6. A brief review of the composition, analysis and evaluation of materials used to harden steel (introduce carbon). Leather char is one of the best, but is too expensive for general use. The materials used in Germany and America are essentially the same, except that dextrin or wax is commonly used as a binder in America.

**ROTARY TUBE FURNACES.** Schuster. *Chemiker-Zeitung*, Sept. 14, p. 710; Sept. 21, pp. 727-8. Description of construction and uses. Powdered coal is favored as fuel, but gas is also used.

**PIGMENTS.** B. Scheifele. *Farbe und Lack*, Sept. 14, pp. 484-5; Sept. 21, p.

495. The influence of particle size and distribution in paint and lacquer films is discussed. Cubic and tetrahedral packing of pigment particles are discussed. Hiding power and covering power as affected by these factors are similar but not identical. Illustrated.

**ASPIRIN.** *Chemiker-Zeitung*, Sept. 28, pp. 748-9. Description of the construction and operation of a battery of six acetylating units fitted for recovery of benzene and acetic acid.

**REFUSE DISPOSAL.** Rollo K. Newman. *Chemistry and Industry*, Sept. 30, pp. 877-80. Description of a combined separation-incineration system used by the city of Sydney, Australia, for disposing of rubbish and garbage. Products include fertilizer, scrap metal, cheap grease and fuel.

**SYNTHETIC ALCOHOL.** Paul Pascal. *Revue generale des matieres plastiques*, Oct., pp. 609-17. For making alcohol from  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ , the method of hydration to aldehyde followed by reduction was chosen in preference to reducing (ethylene) and then hydrating. In factory operation the steps are: continuous aldehyde formation; discontinuous polymerization; electrolytic reduction in acid; catalyst recovery by electrolytic oxidation, and mercury recovery by chemical means.

**SUGAR.** H. I. Waterman and J. S. A. J. M. van Aken. *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry*, Oct. 21, pp. 411-3T. A study of lime precipitation in sugar solutions, in the Steffen process of making sugar from molasses. Colloidal phenomena are involved, and the experimental results support the opinion of Ostwald and others that the colloidal solubility depends on the amount of undissolved matter, sucrose being the peptizer.

**CUMARONE RESINS.** T. Hedley Barry. *Industrial Chemist*, Oct., pp. 431-2. A review and discussion of recent patent literature.

**CHAMBER PROCESS.** W. H. Ibbotson. *Industrial Chemist*, Oct., pp. 437-40. One of the weaknesses of the chamber process of making  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is the low efficiency of recovery of oxides of N. Some of the chief sources of loss are discussed, and methods of prevention are considered.

**RING TUNNEL FURNACE.** K. Schmarje. *Chemiker-Zeitung*, Oct. 12, pp. 784-6. Illustrated description of the ring tunnel coking arrangement, and the most efficient method of operation.

**ANTIMONY ENAMELS.** Ferdinand Flury. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 13, pp. 1134-6. The weight of evidence favors the conclusion that antimony in enameled cooking ware may be given off in food in harmful amounts. As long as a doubt exists, it should be resolved against the use of antimony.

**ELECTROLYTIC ZINC.** H. Paweck and H. Wenzl. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 6, pp. 1106-12. A description, with diagrams of apparatus, for electrolytic deposition of Zn from roasted pyrites with high and with low Cu content. The usual sulphate process is not suitable for every variety of high Zn pyrites; therefore a system was worked

out for altering the procedure in conformity with the Cu content, to give the best results at lowest cost.

**POROUS SILICA.** Helmut Wolter. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 6, pp. 1113-5. A review, in which 8 selected methods of making porous silica from water glass are mentioned. Tabasheer, kieselguhr and like products are considered. So also are products derived from plant ashes.

**NICKEL ANODES.** F. Foerster and F. Krueger. *Zeitschrift für Elektrochemie*, Oct., pp. 406-23; discussion, pp. 423-5. Behavior of Ni anodes in sulphate solutions containing Cl ion; theoretical and practical significance of pH changes during electroplating; effect of certain conditions on the character of the deposit. Illustrated.

**CALCIUM CYANAMIDE.** H. Franck and H. Heimann. *Zeitschrift für Elektrochemie*, Oct., pp. 469-75. The dissociation equilibrium of Ca cyanamide was studied, and  $N_2$  pressure curves were plotted. The solid phase contains a solid solution of Ca cyanamide and Ca carbide.

**SILICA GEL.** *Chemistry and Industry*, Oct. 7, pp. 902-4. A short illustrated account of an application of silica gel to the drying of air for a blast furnace. Advantages over freezing and chemical absorption methods are claimed. See also *Industrial Chemist*, Oct., pp. 441-51.

**INSULATING OILS.** Cecil O. Harvey. *Chemistry and Industry*, Oct. 7, pp. 904-6. Transformer oils and the like must be thoroughly free from impurities which impair electrical resistance; e. g. as little as 0.005 per cent water may be detrimental. Deterioration generally involves one or more of three kinds of sludge formation: asphaltic, soap and carbon sludge. There is no entirely satisfactory test for performance characteristics, but there is a possibility that significant results may be obtained from absorption spectra.

**ZINC CORROSION.** W. S. Patterson. *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry*, Oct. 7, pp. 390-6T. The chief difference between atmospheric corrosion of Zn and Fe is that the scale formed on Fe is deliquescent and does not retard further rusting, whereas the scale on Zn is not deliquescent and forms a protective film. Of metal impurities, lead protects, cadmium and iron have no effect and copper and tin accelerate corrosion.

**HYDROCHLORIC ACID.** Henry O. Askew. *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry*, Oct. 7, pp. 386-90T. A method of calculating coefficients of absorption of HCl in water is derived from experimental data and discussed. In simple solutions the absorption rate is governed by the gas film. The coefficient is nearly the same for a capillary-active film and for an air film, but increases greatly in presence of an alkaline film.

**SPRAY DRYING.** J. A. Reavell. *Chemistry and Industry*, Oct. 14, pp. 925-30 and Oct. 21, pp. 951-7. Illustrated description of an application of spray drying and discussion of the equipment used to obtain particular effects.

**BENZENE RECOVERY.** F. Raschig. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Sept. 29, pp. 1089-90. An account of how the vacuum distillation method patented by Hartmann (actually invented by Erlenbach) was reduced to practice on a commercial scale at the Koppers plant in Essen.

**FRACTIONATION.** L. Gay. *Chimie et Industrie*, Sept., pp. 381-93. Numerical application of theoretical considerations previously published. A mixture of ethyl, n-propyl, primary butyl and isoamyl alcohols was chosen as nearly ideal. The results are applicable to more complex mixtures of these alcohols and their isomers, provided primary and secondary isobutyl alcohols are absent or present only in negligible amounts. It is shown that the distiller can choose in advance that one of the five possible procedures which is most suitable for the mixture to be fractionated.

**WINDOW GLASS.** Babilie. *Chimie et Industrie*, Sept., pp. 371-80. The Fourcault process is compared with the Libbey-Owens process. Both have the advantages of labor saving and improved quality, with ready adaptability to any thickness in commercial use. The striation difficulty is being overcome by mechanical improvements in both. The Libbey-Owens machine is even more complicated than the Fourcault, and has a somewhat higher upkeep cost. Both processes are gaining ground concurrently as compared with other processes. Illustrated.

**ULTRAMARINE.** Hans Hadert. *Farbe und Lack*, Sept. 28, p. 506; Oct. 5, pp. 520-1; Oct. 12, pp. 532-3. A description of ultramarine pigments; methods of manufacture, and machinery used (mills, furnaces, etc.). Illustrated.

**NITROCELLULOSE SOLVENTS.** A. Cobenzl. *Farbe und Lack*, Oct. 5, p. 519. The cellulose plastics industries should take due advantage of the remarkable property of quinoline and the pyridine bases, of altering dissolved cellulose esters in such a way that viscosity falls off with time and the solution acquires capacity for dissolving a new quantity of the ester. For example, as much as 40 g. of collodion can be dissolved in 50 g. of pyridine by this repetition process.

**TYPEWRITER INK.** Bruno Walther. *Farbe und Lack*, Oct. 5, p. 510. Recipes and methods of manufacture are given in detail.

**LIGNITE STRUCTURE.** J. Marcusson. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 6, pp. 1104-6. Lignites are classed as alkali-soluble and alkali-insoluble, and the chemical differences of the two are considered. Good and poor grades were examined.

**DYEING.** Kurt Brass. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 27, pp. 1218-25. The solubility of many compounds of the phenolic type in cellulose is an important factor in the application of many dyes including vat, sulphur and mordant dyes. Surface state of the cellulose has some influence; the partition coefficient increases in the order: purified cotton, pure cotton cellulose, bleached mercerized cotton, cupram-

monium silk, viscose. Various practical applications are discussed.

**BERYLLIUM.** Kurt Illig. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie*, Oct. 20, pp. 1160-3. The preparation of Be metal by the Stock-Goldschmidt electrolytic process is described. Pure Be has only limited uses; but in alloys, particularly with copper and nickel, it shows much promise.

## Government Publications

Prices indicated are charged by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., for pamphlets. Send cash or money order; stamps and personal checks not accepted. When no price is indicated pamphlet is free and should be ordered from Bureau responsible for issue.

Studies of the Efficiency of Water Purification Processes, by H. W. Streeter. Public Health Service Bulletin 127. \$1.00.

Magnetic Concentration of Iron Ores of Alabama, by Oscar Lee, B. W. Gandrud, and F. D. DeVaney. Bureau of Mines Bulletin 278. 20 cents.

Asbestos Paper and Asbestos Millboard. Department of Commerce Simplified Practice Recommendation 19 (First Revision). 5 cents.

Comparison of Oils Derived from Coal and from Oil Shale, by Joseph W. Horne and Arthur D. Bauer. Bureau of Mines Serial 2832.

Production statistics from 1925 Census of Manufactures—printed pamphlets on: Iron and Steel, 10 cents; Manufactures of Nonferrous Metals and Alloys (Except Precious Metals), 5 cents; and Miscellaneous Food Products, 5 cents.

American Forests and Forest Products. U. S. Department of Agriculture Statistical Bulletin 21. 45 cents.

The Jerusalem Artichoke as a Crop Plant, by D. N. Shoemaker. U. S. Department of Agriculture Technical Bulletin 33. 5 cents.

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Sources and Distribution of Major Petroleum Products, Atlantic Coast States—1926, by E. B. Swanson. Bureau of Mines Information Circular 6050.

Railroad Fuel Oil Consumption in 1926, by Arthur Huber Redfield. Bureau of Mines Information Circular 6049.

Reduction of Breathing Losses from Vapor-Tight Lease Tanks, by Ludwig Schmidt. Bureau of Mines Serial 2834.

Instruction for Sampling Atmospheric Dust by the Impinger Method, by Alden H. Emery. Bureau of Mines Information Circular 6048.

The Detection of Sulphur in Petroleum and Petroleum Distillates, by F. W. Lane and John M. Devine. Bureau of Mines Serial 2828.



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### Sulphur Dioxide Detector

A problem which is frequently encountered in sulphuric acid plants and in other places where there is a possibility of there being  $\text{SO}_2$  losses in the stack gases, is that of finding a ready means for keeping a constant check on the losses and warning the operator when there is more  $\text{SO}_2$  being vented than is permissible.

In the plant in which this device was used, there was a small and substantially constant discharge of  $\text{SO}_2$  at all times. The  $\text{SO}_2$  content of the exit gases was, however, variable and indicated something wrong with the system when it became too large. This percentage was found to vary between zero and one-half per cent of the vented gases. Since the loss of  $\text{SO}_2$  did not necessarily indicate any incorrect operating condition, it was therefore necessary that the signal device should not indicate the presence of acidity in the gases due to this cause.

After a number of attempts, a nearly automatic system was perfected, as shown in the illustration. It has since met the demands of the situation very satisfactorily, and should be adaptable to other cases in which it is desired to detect a certain amount of water-soluble gas which may be present in a flue or stack. It is obvious that the gas must be one, such as ammonia or  $\text{SO}_2$ , which will, when in water solution, increase the conductivity of the water. It is also apparent that the temperature of the water must be maintained reasonably constant if the gas is one of low solubility.

It is evident from the drawing that water is allowed to drip into the flask from an overhead constant-level tank, and at a uniform rate. An unvarying

vacuum is maintained on the flask by means of a mercury bottle, vented with a tube which is submerged under the mercury surface. The submergence of the tube controls the magnitude of the vacuum up to the capacity of the pump or aspirator. Thus, the amount of gas aspirated through the flask as well as the water inflow may be controlled.

Water discharges from the flask through a capillary tube at the same rate that it enters. This feeds into a separator, which is connected to the vacuum line and is drained by a sealed barometric leg. The latter may be regulated as to height, if necessary, although the rate of water discharge is controlled by the size of the capillary.

Two electrodes are sealed into the side of the flask below the water level and are connected to a source of current and a relay through an interrupter. When the amount of  $\text{SO}_2$  in the aspirated gases becomes so large that the increased conductivity of the solution in the flask permits a sufficiently large current to flow to close the relay, then the relay completes a 110-volt circuit through a horn and lamp and warns the operator. It was found before the interrupter was installed that only 60 per cent of the current necessary to close the relay was required to hold it closed, and that consequently there was a considerable lag in the functioning of the warning after the  $\text{SO}_2$  had been reduced below the danger point. Once the relay was closed, the warning continued until the  $\text{SO}_2$  had dropped to such a point that the current was less than 60 per cent of that which flowed at the undesirable concentration. However, a simple commutator or interrupter which broke the relay primary circuit five times per minute easily solved this difficulty. Since the maximum current was always

required to close the relay, the warning ceased as soon as the concentration dropped to a safe amount. This restored the operator's confidence in the device and speeded up operation. The interrupter was the only piece of equipment which was not found in the laboratory and this was constructed without difficulty by the plant mechanic. It was run from a convenient line shaft.

The presence of  $\text{SO}_2$  in the gases did not affect the operation of the warning because, since it is only slightly soluble and is a constant quantity, it was compensated by proper control of the water flow. A trial and error method of titrating and measuring the volume of the effluent solution was necessary here in adjusting gas and water flow so that the proper concentration of sulphurous acid would result when the  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration reached the proscribed amount. Nevertheless, the characteristics of the apparatus are such that the rates are automatically maintained once they are established, and require only an occasional check to insure accuracy.

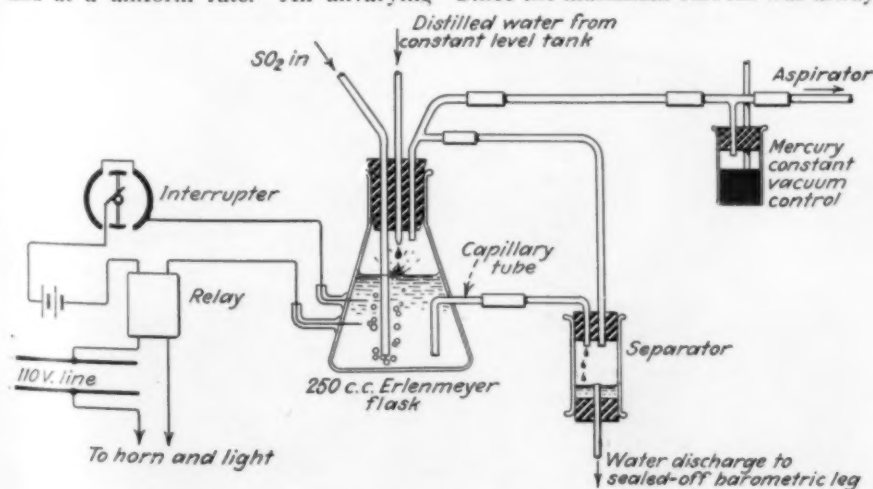
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Dayton, Ohio

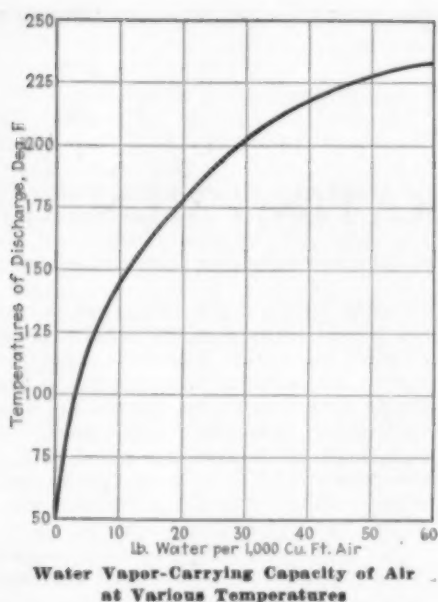
We have often had trouble with the freezing of exposed compressed air lines during the winter. A short time ago this question came up and its remedies were discussed. One man suggested that the quantity of inter-cooler water circulated be decreased so as to put out air at higher temperatures, thus decreasing the possibility of freezing. It was very difficult to convince him that this would aggravate the condition and that more freezing would occur.

The accompanying curve was prepared to show that with increased discharge temperatures, more water was thrown into the air lines and the dew-point raised, greatly increasing the quantity of condensed water subject to freezing. This water would trap in the lines more readily and freeze solid more quickly. In the curve, the pounds of water carried by 1,000 cu.ft. of air is plotted against temperature, assuming complete saturation.

The only way to prevent freezing, where it is impossible to move the lines into warm buildings, is to cover them and to insure thorough drainage by sloping toward drips that are located in warmer places and trapped. In this way, the probably high velocity of the



Easily Constructed Warning Device for Detecting Sulphur Dioxide



air will carry the condensed moisture through the exposed sections. At the same time, if these exposed lines are covered, not much drop in temperature will be experienced, within limits, due to its rapid travel.

### Splash Shield

A new splash shield for acid carboy inclinator is being used by the General Electric plant in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and was adopted as a result of its suggestion system.

A rectangular piece of glass in a metal frame is fastened to the cross bar on top of the inclinator by removing the handle, placing the flange of the shield over the two bolts and replacing the handle. The shield is therefore in-



**Splash Shield for Carboys**

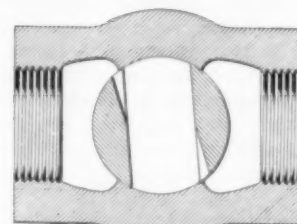
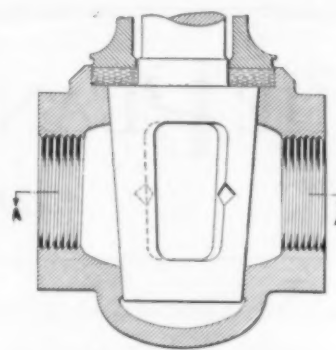
tegral with the inclinator, and it is not necessary to change it every time a carboy is removed. Such a shield, between six and seven inches wide and from eight to ten inches long, prevents acid from striking one in the eyes should it splash while being poured.

### Easily Regulated Plug Cock

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*Swenson Evaporator Company*

The accompanying sketch shows a simple method which may be very easily applied to any ordinary plug cock in order to make its regulation a simple and accurate matter. All that is necessary is to file a notch on either side of the plug port as shown. The notch may be of as wide or as narrow an angle as may be required in order to give sufficient flow at small regulation.

A quarter-in. plug cock which has been filed in this manner may, if equipped with a three-ft. handle, be adjusted to give a variable number of drops. A cock which controls an oil burner may be set to hold a furnace within a few degrees.



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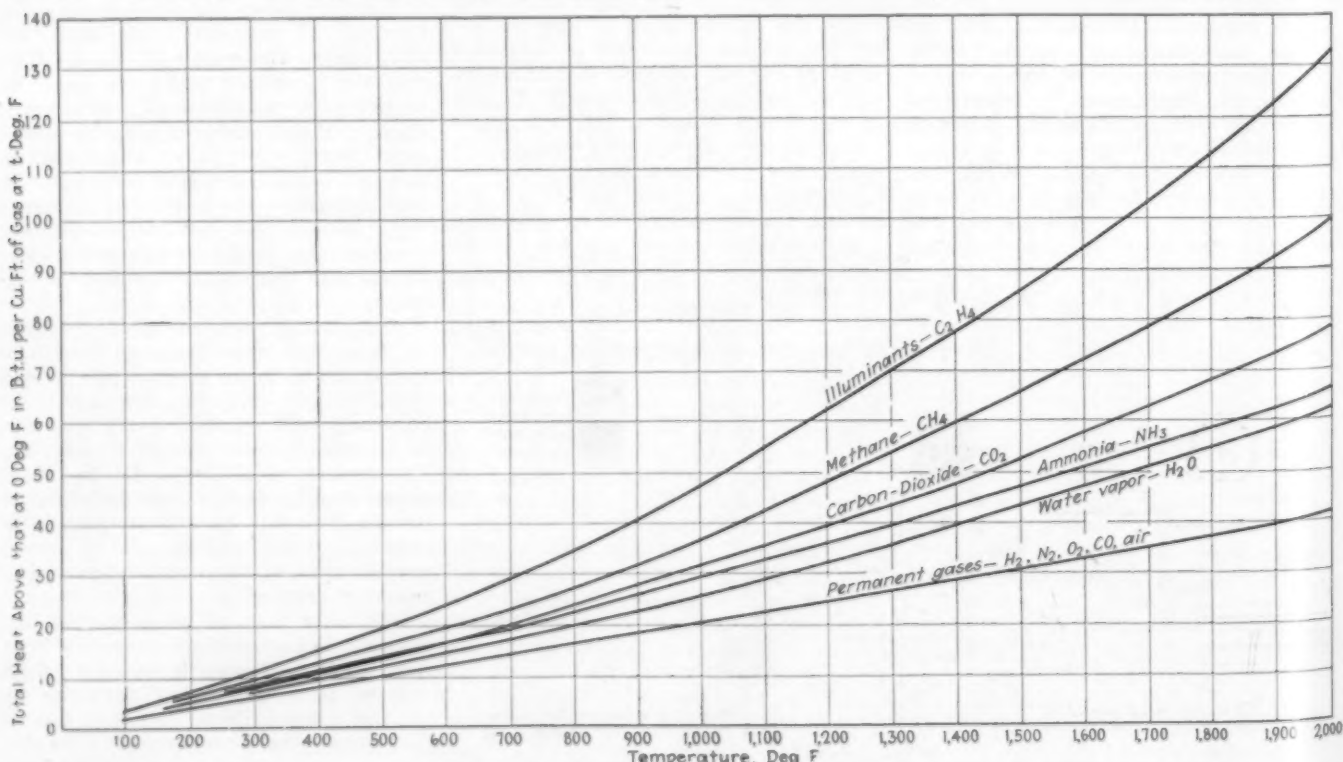
Triangular Notches Make Adjustment of a Plug Cock Easy

### Thermal Capacity of Gases

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The accompanying set of curves gives in a convenient manner the heat capacities in B.t.u. above 0 deg. F. for various common gases. If greater accuracy is required the following equations may be used, up to 3,000 deg. F. capacity:

$H_2, N_2, O_2, Co, Air$	$= 0.0189 + 0.0000009t$
$Co_2$	$= 0.023 + 0.000008t$
$H_2O$	$= 0.021 + 0.000005t$
$CH_4$	$= 0.0251 + 0.0000124t$
$C_2H_4$	$= 0.0288 + 0.0000187t$



**Thermal Capacity Chart for Common Gases**



# EQUIPMENT NEWS

*from MAKER and USER*

## Efficient Gas Burner

A new gas burner which employs a modification of the tunnel system of firing as applied to refractories and which utilizes the advantages of combustion in contact with hot refractory surfaces without flame impingement, has been developed by the Surface Combustion Company of Toledo, Ohio. The new burner finds its chief field of application in the firing of kettles and soft metal furnaces and is said also to have a variety of other uses. A number of the burners have been applied successfully in varnish manufacture.

In this latter field, before the advent of the tunnel-type burner, various kinds of gas burners and other heat supplying means were about on a parity because of the low utilization efficiency of the gas. The new burner, however, known as the Surface Combustion Flat Hexagon type has, claimed for it, an efficiency of 36.8 per cent, nearly four times that of coke. At the same time, the duration of the varnish cooking has been reduced to between one-third and one-quarter of that required for coke firing. While the improvement over oil firing and older types of gas burners is not so striking, it is nevertheless decided. The flat hexagon burner is 27 per cent faster than its nearest competitor.

Fig. 1 shows the construction of the burner in considerable detail. The radiant elements consist of hollow prismatic tile of hexagonal shape which are loosely packed, each over an orifice, on a flat circular metal diaphragm in which are the gas discharge ports. Six special refractory brick shapes bound the burner proper, and being higher than the tunnel tile, will prevent the latter

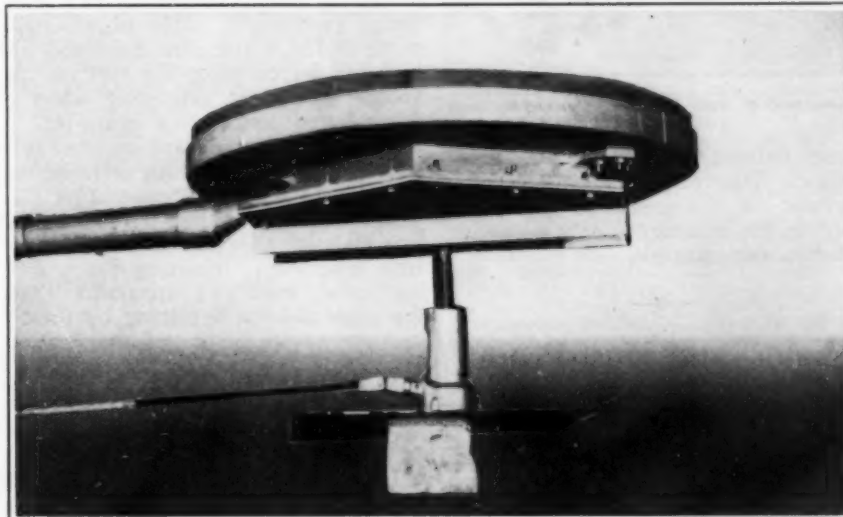


Fig. 2—Under View of the Burner Showing Lifting Jack

from touching a kettle placed above. In operation gas is supplied at high pressure with automatic air-mixture control so that the combustion region is maintained near the top of the tunnels. By this means it is said that temperatures at the upper surface of the burner of 1,800 deg. F. to as high as 3,300 deg. F. may be maintained. Heating is accomplished through radiation and through transfer from the burned gases. The latter are, however, kept at a minimum consistent with complete combustion, by avoiding dilution with secondary air. As shown in Fig. 2 this is accomplished by raising the burner by means of a jack so that the radiant surface is an inch from the kettle when the latter is in place.

The manufacturers believe that the

high efficiency and rapid heating obtainable with the burner coupled with the close control to which it is susceptible, make it of great utility wherever radiant heating is possible.

## Conveyor Carrier

The Stephens-Adamson Manufacturing Company, Aurora, Ill., has recently announced a new type of belt conveyor carrier which is said to embody a number of improvements in construction and design. The new carrier is known as the "Simplex," and the complete line includes carriers for belts ranging in width from 12 to 60 inches. The carrier proper consists of three rollers in line, the troughing rollers being mounted at 20 deg. to increase the capacity of the belt. The carriers are mounted on a heavy steel angle section base, which is self cleaning. The whole assembly is tilted slightly in the direction of belt travel, to facilitate training of the belt.

The rollers are made of steel tubing, furnished with drawn steel end plates. The ends of the rollers are rounded to protect the belt from wear. Each roller is equipped with two Timken bearings, mounted as indicated in the accompanying illustration. They are protected from dust by a combined labyrinth washer and multiple groove grease seal. Permanent adjustment of the bearings is provided by lock screws.

The rollers are made of steel tubing, iron stands, which support the shafts close to the bearings, and which are so constructed that it is easy to remove the rollers bodily. Each roller shaft is equipped with two high pressure

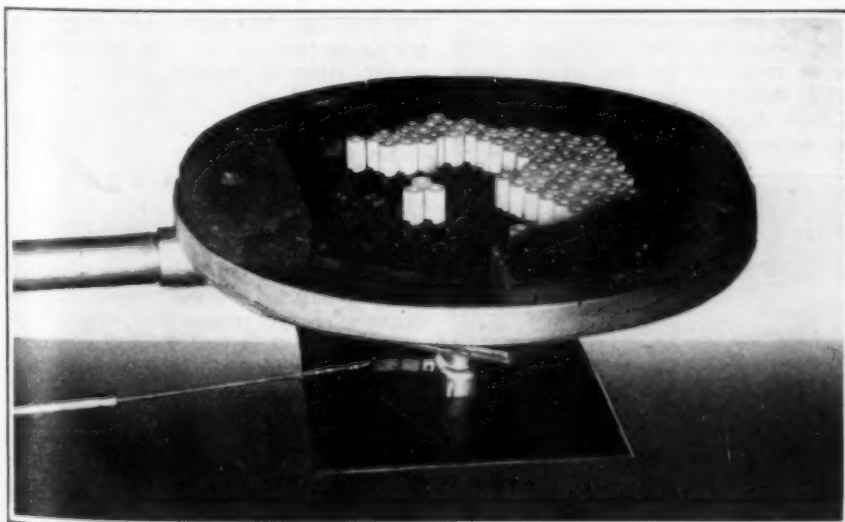


Fig. 1—Hexagonal Burner with Prisms Removed to Show Construction



Disassembled Anti-Friction Conveyor Roll

grease fittings, which are readily accessible. The roll interior serves as a reservoir for the grease so that lubrication of the bearings is only necessary at infrequent intervals.

## Water- and Rust-Proof Protective Coating

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Based upon an account which was brought to the attention of the editors by Mr. G. Angel, Bohus, Sweden, and which was presented in "Teknisk Tidskrift," the Swedish technical journal, Chem. & Met. publishes herewith a brief description of a new protective coating known as "Tillit," which has met with considerable success in England and on the continent.

"Tillit" is a recently perfected covering material in the nature of a paint, which is composed of rubber, oxidized bitumen, and materials to produce rapid drying. The film which results from the use of the product as a coating is said to have excellent flexibility and adherence, and to retain these properties for long periods of time without becoming brittle, as does ordinary asphalt.

Tests which were conducted by the Metallographic Institute of Stockholm, and by the State Testing Laboratory of Stockholm at the instance of the Royal Swedish Water-Power Board, have shown decided superiority of the new product to paints of red lead and linseed oil. The coating appears to be entirely free from pores and is found to have very nearly perfect resistance to ordinary acids, moist and acid atmospheres and to sal-ammoniac solution. The covering capacity is more than twice that of red lead, while the drying time is reduced to one-sixth. The adhesion to the surface coated is such that after test it can only be removed by considerable effort. It is said to adhere equally well to surfaces which are damp or rusty at the time of painting and so may be applied in any kind of weather.

It is claimed that "Tillit" may be used as a water-proof and protecting coating for concrete, brick, wood and felted roofing, and as a rust-proofing for iron and other corrodable metals.

The selling rights for this material are controlled by Hugo Tillquist, Machine Agency, Stockholm, Sweden.

## Portable Steam Generator

The Homestead Valve Manufacturing Company of Homestead, Pa., has recently brought out a new multi-purpose device which is known as the "Hypresure Jenny." While the equipment is ordinarily supplied for mounting directly on the floor, it may be adapted to portable use by mounting on a small truck or rolling body. It consists of a rapid steam generator capable of producing vapor at 150 lb. pressure, combined with a motor driven pump for fuel oil, and another pump for delivering water or any solution desired to a steam jet.

A hose and nozzle are supplied from which water or a cleaning solution may be blown at high temperature and velocity, thus providing a rapid means, it is claimed, for cleaning grease or dirt from machinery, removing paint, melting snow, sterilizing apparatus, thawing pipes and extinguishing oil fires.

## Compressed Spruce Pulleys and Gears

Laminated spruce blocks are being used by the Compressed Spruce Products Company, West Orange, N. J., in the manufacture of a wide variety of sizes of gears and pulleys. The manufacturers state that the pulleys so formed possess a long life, are substantially weather-proof, and have an abnormally high coefficient of friction. Both gears and pulleys are said to be capable of ac-



Fig. 1—Partially Compressed Spruce Block

curate balance and are consequently usable at high speeds. They are also extremely light in weight.

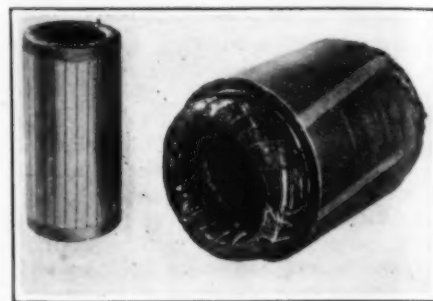
The blocks are built up from short ends of re-sawed lumber, of thickness varying between one-quarter and one-half inch dependent upon the width of pulley to be made. Alternate boards are



Fig. 2—Compressed Spruce Pulley on a 250 hp. Motor

placed with the grain running at right angles. A casein-base binder is used which is said to be waterproof. The blocks are then compressed to between 75 and 25 per cent of the original, according to the use to which the pulley is to be put, under 4,000 tons hydraulic pressure, after which the reduction in thickness is set by clamping the block for a sufficient time to make it permanent. Fig. 1 shows the appearance of a compressed block as compared with the original.

Fig. 2 illustrates one of the larger pulleys in operation. The pulleys may be supplied in any size up to 48 in. in diameter.



Rotor and Stator of Shell Type Motor

## Shell Type Motor

The Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, announces a new high speed squirrel cage motor shown in part in the accompanying illustration. It is of the so-called shell type, an all-welded design, and is supplied in two sizes, 3 hp. and 5 hp. Both motors are manufactured for either two or three phase, 60 cycle current and a speed of 3,600 r.p.m. The stator is composed of laminated sections arc-welded together. The rotor is also entirely arc-welded and provided either with straight or tapered bore.

The welding does away with the necessity of a solid shell about the laminations and also replaces the conventional rivets. The amount of active field is thus kept at a minimum. It is said that the effect of this is to increase the magnetic flux and allow more copper to be used in the slot, producing a cooler running motor which permits greater overload.

## Electric Gas Valve

The Honeywell Heating Specialties Company, Wabash, Ind., has just introduced a new electrically controlled gas valve to be used for the remote or thermostatic control of gas flow where pressure does not exceed 12 in. of water. The valve is supplied in sizes from one-half to two inches.

In distinction to the usual type of solenoid valve, the one described is equipped with a small induction motor which lifts the valve disk plunger against the action of a Monel seating spring through the action of a train of duralumin gears. Voltage fluctuations



of less than 15 per cent will not affect the valve, but should the power fail entirely, the mechanism immediately closes. The valve may be reset manually. After the power resumes, the functioning of the thermostat is automatically taken up. A time delay feature in the operation prevents rapid opening and closing of the device due to building vibration or inexpert manipulation of the thermostat.

## New Conveyor Belt

The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, of Akron, Ohio, have adopted a new construction for all their brands of



Section Across Highflex Belt

rubber covered conveyor and elevator belts. The new belt is called the "Highflex." It consists essentially in the elimination of all folds in laying up the fabric, each ply being a separate unit completely insulated from the adjoining plies.

This new construction was developed to meet the needs for the higher speeds and longer center distances now employed in conveyor practice. One of the problems involved in such installations is the maintenance of good contact on the driving pulleys without using excessive tension on the return side of the belt. It is claimed that the increase in flexibility afforded by the foldless construction improves pulley contact to a marked degree, as well as insuring a better distribution of tension between the plies and across the width of the belt.

In one installation of an 8 ply Highflex belt more than 2,000 ft. long it was found possible to operate the conveyor fully loaded without any tension on the return side of the belt, whereas with a folded belt of equal thickness on the same installation it had been necessary to use a gravity take-up to prevent excessive slip.

Another advantage claimed for the new construction is superior edge adhesion. A heavy edge cushion, continuous with the top cover, is united to the edges of the fabric so that the makers state that nothing short of destruction can separate the rubber from its anchorage. When the edge of the belt is gouged by an obstruction the bonded edge will not tear loose in strips.

## Acid-Proof Filter

The dyestuffs division of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company at Wilmington, has recently introduced to the market a nitrocellulose acid-resistant filter which has been named the du Pont "Resisto-Filter." It is claimed for the new product that it is fully equal to that of foreign manufacture upon

which reliance had previously to be placed, and that the life of the cloths is twelve times that of a good grade of wool and at least six times that of the best camel's hair. The tensile strength of the filters is 70 to 80 per cent of the strength of the cotton cloth from which they are made. They are satisfactory for use with sulphuric acid up to a strength of 60 per cent and a temperature of 100 deg. C. Economical use is also possible, it is held, with nitric and mixed acids as well as with hydrochloric. They may not, however, be used with solvents of nitrocellulose nor with caustics, alkali sulphides or strong reducing agents.

Due to the inflammable nature of the filters, they are shipped or stored in special containers and are kept immersed in water. When reasonable care is taken in handling the material and in destroying the worn-out cloths, it is maintained that no special hazard exists.

## Manufacturers' Latest Publications

Shore Instrument & Mfg. Company, Van Wyck & Carl Sts., Jamaica, N. Y.—Preliminary bulletin M1—A pamphlet describing the Shore Standard Universal Hardness Indicator, known as the Monotron. This instrument may be used for the measurement of the hardness not only of metals, minerals and vitreous materials, but also of organic and compounded materials.

Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa.—Catalog J—Describing the Bethlehem roll pulverizer and air separation system.

James Hunter Machine Company, North Adams, Mass.—Bulletin No. 252—Describing Hunter drying equipment. Dryers and accessories for a wide variety of uses are shown.

Master Electric Company, Dayton, Ohio.—Form 375—A pamphlet which describes the new Master Motor-Grinder.

Niagara Blower Company, 673 Ontario St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Bulletin No. 1—A leaflet which describes Niagara heating and ventilating units.

Truscon Laboratories, Detroit, Mich.—A new mailing piece describing Truscon waterproofing for steel, concrete and wood.

General Plastics Company, Inc., North Tonawanda, N. Y.—New booklet covering the history and the uses of "Durez."

American Blower Company, Detroit, Mich.—Form 6818—A booklet which describes the use of Venturafin Unit Heaters in the plant of the Oakland-Pontiac company.

National Electrical Manufacturers Association, 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.—October issue of Nema Handbook of Supply Standards.

American Rolling Mill Company, Middletown, Ohio.—A pamphlet entitled "Light on Your Rust Problems."

Pyrometer Instrument Company, 74 Reade St., New York, N. Y.—New pamphlets covering a simplified Pyro optical pyrometer and a new electric tachometer.

Duriron Company, Dayton, Ohio.—Bulletin 139-B—Duriron Digestion Equipment. Also, a new pamphlet on the use of Duriron in the refinery.

Armco Culvert Manufacturers Association, Middletown, Ohio.—A new publication entitled "Basing Confidence in Culvert Strength on Engineering Facts."

Linde Air Products Co., 30 East 42nd St., New York.—Publication entitled "Oxy-Acetylene Tips."

Chas. Engelhard Inc., 90 Chestnut St., Newark, N. J.—Reprint from "Combustion" on Engelhard CO<sub>2</sub> gas analysis and recorder equipment.

Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London, S. W.-7, England.—Reprint from "Engineering" on "An Adjustable Dash Pot for Cement Testing."

General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.—Bulletins and publications as fol-

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Taber-Pump Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Bulletin SL927—Detailed description and information concerning type SL double suction centrifugal pumps; mailing piece covering Taber motor driven centrifugal pumps.

Stacey-Schmidt Manufacturing Co., York, Pa.—Mailing piece on special machinery.

Stockham Pipe and Fitting Co., Birmingham, Ala.—October 1927 Catalog completely covering Stockham steel fittings for high pressures and temperatures.

American Rolling Mill Co., Middletown, Ohio.—A booklet entitled "Incidents in the Life of the American Rolling Mill Co."

Semet-Solvay Engineering Corp., 40 Rector St., New York, N. Y.—Pamphlets as follows: Pamphlet No. 324, Equipment for Removing Benzol; No. 325, Ammonia recovery apparatus; No. 326, Steere welded purifiers.

Atlas Valve Co., 282 South St., Newark, N. J.—Catalog describing the Campbell Boiler Feed Water Regulator.

Connersville Blower Co., Connersville, Ind.—Bulletin 33, on Victor Industrial Gas Boosters. Bulletin 50 on Renewable bearings for Connersville Blowers.

Edward A. Whaley & Co., Norfolk, Virginia.—Leaflet covering Whaley Laboratory Refining Machines, for use in the refining of crude vegetable oils.

Sturtevant Mill Co., Harrison Square, Boston, Mass.—Pamphlets as follows: Leaflet on the "Whirlwind Centrifugal Selector," Sturtevant Laboratory mills and crushers; "Open Door" mixers.

United Cork Companies, Lyndhurst, N. J.—Handbook A. I. A. File No. 37-a-1, entitled "Facts and Figures on Insulations." Relates to insulation for refrigeration purposes.

Philip-Carey Co., Cincinnati, O.—Bulletin 101A—Heat insulation for temperatures 500 deg. F. to 1200 deg. F.

Reeves Pulley Co., Columbus, Ind.—Mailing piece describing Catalog T-66 on Reeves variable speed transmissions.

De Laval Steam Turbine Co., Trenton, N. J.—Catalogs as follows: one covering compressors, pumps, turbine and speed reducers and one on centrifugal pumps. The latter is a handbook on the types and designs as well as uses of centrifugal pumps.

Celite Products Co., 1320 South Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif.—1927-8 Lecture on High Temperature Insulation.

National Electrical Manufacturers Assn., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.—NEMA handbook for power switchboard and switching equipment.

Crouse-Hinds Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Folder No. 46 on "Floodlight Projectors."

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American Gas Association, 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.—"Steam Boilers," a reference book on the application of gas to steam boilers for industrial purposes.

The Bristol Company, Waterbury, Conn.—Bulletin No. 362, "Bristol Recording Instruments in the Power Plants."

Combustion Engineering Corp., 200 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.—Bulletin on "Aims and Tendencies in Steam Generation and Combustion Engineering."

Robinson Manufacturing Co., Muncy, Pa.—Bulletin No. 202—Mailing piece describing "Unique" mixers and conveying and elevating equipment.

International Nickel Co., 67 Wall St., New York, N. Y.—New publications as follows: Bulletin 11, notes on machining alloy steel; instructions for adding nickel to cast iron; use of nickel in cast iron.

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Manufacture of Disodium Phosphate. Herbert H. Meyers, Pittsburgh, Pa., assignor to Armour Fertilizer Works, Chicago, Ill.—1,648,656.  
Process for Manufacturing Barium Sulphide. Gordon Richardson, New York, N. Y., assignor of one-fourth to Phanor J. Eder, Forest Hills, N. Y.—1,648,870.  
Oxidizing Metallic Solutions. Louis F. Clark, Potrerillos, Chile.—1,649,152.  
Process of Producing Aluminum Chloride. Henry Blumenberg, Jr., Moapa, Nev.—1,649,383.  
Process for Obtaining Liquid Sulphurous Acid from the Products of Combustion of Sulphur or Sulphurous Pyrites. Paul Jodeck

Berlin, Germany, assignor to Allgemeine Gesellschaft für Chemische Industrie m. b. H., Berlin-Schöneberg.—1,649,701.

## CHEMICAL ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AND PROCESSES

Apparatus for Purifying and Solidifying Aluminum Chloride. Clifford W. Humphrey, Red Bank, N. J., and Donald S. McKittrick, Oakland, Calif., assignors to said Humphrey and Henry I. Lea, Santa Monica, Calif.—1,645,144.  
Process of Making Table Salt. Frederick W. Huber, Riverside, Calif.—1,645,238.  
Water-Carbonating Apparatus. William C. De Armond and William Ray H. Watt, Philadelphia, Pa.—1,645,320.  
Chromium Plating. Harrie C. Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind., assignor to Metals Protection Corporation, Indianapolis, Ind.—1,645,927.  
Process of Revivifying Fire-Extinguishing Solutions. Clifford B. White, Utica, N. Y., assignor to Foamite-Childs Corporation, Utica, N. Y.—1,646,046.  
Water Softener. Charles P. Eisenhauer, Dayton, Ohio, assignor to The Duro Company, Dayton, Ohio.—1,646,581.  
Aluminum-Chloride Process. Henry I. Lea, Santa Monica, Calif., and Clifford W. Humphrey, Red Bank, N. J.—1,646,732.  
Aluminum-Chloride Process. Henry I. Lea, Santa Monica, Calif., and Clifford W. Humphrey, Red Bank, N. J.—1,646,733.  
Method of Treating Sulphur. James W. Schwab, Gulf, Tex., assignor to Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, Bay City, Tex.—1,646,838.  
Means for Roasting Metallic Ores. Henry Squarebrigs Mackay, London, England.—1,647,050.  
Erosive Resistant Ferrous Alloy. Charles B. Jacobs, Wilmington, Del., assignor to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, Del.—1,647,096.  
Process for Recovering Lead Chloride. Wilhelm Witter, Halle-on-the-Saale, and Paul Nehring, Brunswick, Germany.—1,647,426.  
Process for Collecting and Utilizing Aluminum Chloride. Edson R. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif., assignor, by mesne assignments, to The Texas Company, New York, N. Y.—1,647,446.  
Apparatus for Fabricating Agglomerated Masses. Richard Bowen, Columbus, Ohio, assignor to Super Coal Process Company, Augusta, Me.—1,646,385.  
Mixing Device. Richard Bowen, Columbus, Ohio, assignor to Super Coal Process Company, Augusta, Me.—1,646,386.  
Method and Apparatus for Separating Matter of Different Specific Gravities. Hugo Velten, Halberstadt, Germany.—1,646,506.  
Absorption Refrigerating Apparatus. Gaudenz Bayer, Aurburg, Germany.—1,646,520.  
Drum Mill. Paul Goebels, Dessau, Germany.—1,646,532.  
Temperature Control Valve. Robert MacLaren, Culross, Fife, Scotland.—1,646,548.  
Process of Preparing a Medium for the Treatment of Water. Herman Reinbold, Omaha, Neb.—1,646,596.  
Art of Fractional Distillation. Nathaniel E. Loomis, Elizabeth, N. J., and Warren K. Lewis, Newton, Mass., assignors to Standard Development Company.—1,646,619.  
Cake-Washing Means for Rotary Vacuum Filters. Wilhelm Mauss, Durban Natal, South Africa.—1,646,653.  
Fractional Distillation Process and Apparatus. Heinrich Koppers, Essen-Ruhr, Germany, assignor to The Koppers Development Corporation.—1,646,698.  
Pulverizing Apparatus. L. V. Andrews, Worcester, Mass., assignor to Riley Stoker Corporation, Worcester, Mass.—1,646,720.  
Electrochemical Means for Preventing Corrosion. Ronald Van Auken Mills, Sandy Spring, Md., assignor to Peter Q. Nyce, Washington, D. C.—1,646,735.  
Electrochemical Means for Preventing Corrosion. Ronald Van Auken Mills, Sandy Spring, Md., assignor to Peter Q. Nyce, Washington, D. C.—1,646,736.  
Pulverizer. Harry Arthur Kimber, New Rochelle, N. Y.—1,646,752.  
Apparatus for Mixing Fluids of Different Densities. Fred Jost, San Francisco, Calif.—1,646,913.  
Weighing Moving Material. Martin Casticum, Springfield, Mass., assignor to The Flak Rubber Company, Chicopee Falls, Mass.—1,646,950.  
Time-Controlled Regulating Apparatus. Harry Y. Norwood, Rochester, N. Y., assignor to Taylor Instrument Companies, Rochester, N. Y.—1,646,976.  
Process of Fabricating Agglomerated Masses. Richard Bowen, Columbus, Ohio, assignor to Super Coal Process Company, Augusta, Me.—1,647,075.



# NEWS of the Industry

## Chemical Manufacturers Hold Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL Meeting of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association was held on Friday, December 9, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. The executive meeting of the association was held in the morning, at which officers were elected for the coming year.

At the luncheon the following speakers were heard: John E. Edgerton, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and president of the Lebanon Woolen Mills, Lebanon, Tenn.; Dr. Charles H. Herty, advisor to the Chemical Foundation, New York City; Daniel F. Waters, president of the Germantown Dye Works, Germantown, Pa.; Dr. Arthur L. Faubel, secretary of the American Tariff League, New York City.

Mr. Edgerton spoke on the relation of the American manufacturer to the tariff question. The one thing that American brains and energy have accomplished is the industrial structure of the country, which was done with the help of the protective tariff, the open shop and the guarantee of equal rights to all men.

Dr. Herty and Mr. Waters, the two honorary members of the association who were present, brought greetings to the association.

Dr. Faubel spoke of the indifference of the American manufacturer to the tariff, and the need of educating the general public to the necessity of continuing the protection afforded by the tariff. At the present time, many groups are actively working for a lowered tariff, and Dr. Faubel warned that in another year there would be a serious attempt to change the tariff schedule.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President—August Merz; treasurer—F. P. Summers; vice-presidents—Ralph E. Dorland, W. F. Harrington, E. H. Killheffer, P. Samuel Rigney.

Board of governors: E. A. Barnett, John Campbell & Co.; A. S. Burdick, Abbott Laboratories; Ralph E. Dorland, Dow Chemical Co.; A. J. Farmer, Pharm-Chemical Corp.; W. F. Harrington, E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.; E. H. Killheffer, Newport Chemical Works; E. H. Klipstein, E. C. Klipstein & Co.; August Merz, Heller & Merz Co.; A. Cressy Morrison, Carbide & Carbon Chemicals

Corp.; A. V. H. Mory, Bakelite Corp.; P. Samuel Higney, Roessler & Hasslach Chemical Co.; F. P. Summers, Noil Chemical & Color Works; Wm. S. Weeks, Calco Chemical Co.; S. W. Wilder, Merrimac Chemical Co.; F. G. Zinsser, Zinsser & Co.

## Steam Still Devised for Naval Stores Industry

THE OLD-TYPE fire still, on which producers of naval stores have relied for many years for separating turpentine and rosin, can now be improved by converting it into a steam still, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

The new still is an outgrowth of the work of the Naval Stores Unit of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, under the direction of Dr. F. P. Veitch and was designed recently by J. O. Reed, Associate Engineer. Although the improvement had been in contemplation for some time an opportunity to try it out came only when one of the progressive naval stores producers of Mississippi appealed to the Bureau for assistance in improving his still practice and in producing uniformly higher grades of rosin than was possible with the fire still. The department has made application for a patent covering the new still which will be dedicated to the public.

The first practical adaptation of the new still was made early in the spring. So successful was its operation that another was constructed within a month. Several other large companies are also contemplating converting their old fire stills into steam stills.

## Tariff Hearing on Tartaric Acid Delayed

Apparently several months will elapse before there will be any change in the tariff situation pertaining to tartaric acid and cream of tartar. Because of the differences with France applications dealing with French commodities are being held in abeyance. While this affects cream of tartar, it does not apply to tartaric acid. It has been suggested to the Commission that the hearing on tartaric acid be held separately, but as the two commodities are covered in the same report it seems probable that the Commission will not authorize action on one without the other.

## Commerce Chemical Advisory Committee Enlarged

FOR A number of reasons it has been found desirable to increase the membership of the Chemical Advisory Committee to the Department of Commerce, and upon invitation by Mr. Hoover the following persons have accepted appointment to this committee: Frank A. Blair, The Centaur Co., New York; Gilbert Colgate, Colgate & Company, Jersey City, N. J.; Lamot du Pont, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del.; Chas. L. Huisking, Chas. L. Huisking, Inc., New York; H. C. Parmelee, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., New York; Frederick Rosengarten, Merck & Co., Philadelphia; J. T. Skelly, Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.; Walter Teagle, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, New York.

In addition, the committee as constituted three years ago is composed of the following men: A. Cressy Morrison, Chairman, Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., New York; H. E. Howe, Secretary, Industrial & Engineering Chemistry, Washington, D. C.; Leo H. Baekeland, Bakelite Corporation, New York; Dr. A. S. Burdick, Abbott Laboratories, Chicago, Ill.; Henry Howard, Grasselli Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Gustavus Ober, G. Ober & Sons Co., Baltimore, Md.; E. T. Trigg, John Lucas & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; S. W. Wilder, Merrimac Chemical Co., Boston, Mass.

## Tanners Council Announces Additional Gift

THE Foundation of the Tanners' Council Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati announces receipt of a gift of \$15,000 from George W. Olmsted of the J. G. Curtis Leather Co., Ludlow, Pa. This is added to the fund of \$40,000 previously announced that is the nucleus for the development of a fund of a million dollars.

In addition to the gift of Mr. Olmsted contributions have been made by Mrs. Louis Mayer of Orange, N. J., in memory of her husband, formerly President of R. Neumann & Co., Hoboken, N. J.; by George H. Raymond, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hans Rees' Sons, Inc., New York; and by the Tanners Products Co. of Chicago, Ill., known as the Fred Vogel, Jr., Testimonial Fund.

### Weidlein Elected President of A. I. C. E.

**A** FOUR DAY program of technical sessions, plant visits and social functions, admirably planned and handled by the local committee, was enjoyed by nearly 200 members of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in St. Louis, Mo., for their twentieth semi-annual meeting Dec. 5 to 8. Headquarters were maintained at the Hotel Chase where the technical sessions and most of the entertainment centered. Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: E. R. Weidlein, president; A. H. White, vice president; H. C. Parmelee, secretary; M. H. Ittner, treasurer; David Wesson, auditor; J. V. N. Dorr, J. R. Withrow, W. C. Geer and R. T. Haslam, directors.

The technical sessions were featured by three symposia, all timely and appropriate to the St. Louis district. Natural gas gasoline was the topic for the first day, papers being read by George Granger Brown, Stewart P. Coleman, J. H. James and Gustav Egloff. At the luncheon served in the Chase ball-room, Jules Bebie, chairman of the St. Louis committee, extended formal welcome to the Institute and guests. The afternoon was devoted to plant excursions, motor buses having been provided to convey the party to Alton, Ill., where the Federal plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company was inspected. The plant of the Hoyt Metal Company at Granite City, Ill., was also inspected on this trip. This plant produces babbitt metal, solder, lead pipe, britannia metal, sheet chemical lead, antimonial lead and numerous special alloys. The extrusion of lead pipe traps and the rolling of large sheets were interesting features. A smoker in the evening provided relaxation, enlivened by entertainment and refreshments.

**T**HE second day, Dec. 6, was devoted to a joint session with the American Refractories Institute, the keynote being better co-operation between the chemical engineers, as consumers, and the producers of refractories. Both groups attended the luncheon at which George C. Smith, Director of the Industrial Club of St. Louis, told of the scientific methods which have superseded the usual "booster" methods in St. Louis, to guide the industrial development of the city along sound economic lines. A dinner dance in the evening was largely attended by members and guests.

An all day bus excursion to the lead mines and mills in southeast Missouri occupied Wednesday. As guests of the National Lead Company, the St. Joseph Lead Company and the Desloge Consolidated Lead Company, the visitors were conducted through the mines, shown the crushing, grinding, sizing, screening, classification, and gravity and flotation treatments of the ore, and served a delicious turkey dinner by the ladies of Flat River.

The twentieth anniversary banquet was held in the Chase Hotel Dec. 7. J. C. Vaile, of Philadelphia, as toast-

master, introduced L. F. Nickell who responded to the subject. "A Retrospect." F. W. Willard advanced some interesting thoughts on the effect of the engineer's efforts on human relations on his responsibilities to the body politic. W. J. Gephart, of the First National Bank of St. Louis, spoke of the banker's dependence on the chemical engineer for advice concerning modern industries.

Lead was the topic of the final symposium, papers being presented by George O. Hiers, J. R. Sheppard, O. W. Ellis and A. E. Marshall. R. S. Tour read a paper on synthetic ammonia costs in America and H. L. Olin discussed the adsorptive properties of filter aids. Boarding the chartered buses again, the members were taken to East St. Louis, where, as guests of the East St. Louis Light and Power Company they were served with luncheon and conducted through the mammoth "Cahokia" power plant, an ultra-modern installation generating about 300,000 kw., using pulverized Illinois coal, and built on the isolated phase plan. The Laclede-Christy Clay Product Company's plant was also visited, where 50,000,000 fire brick and 45,000 tons of special hand molded tile are produced annually.

**A**T THE business sessions, reports were presented by the officers and various active committees. J. V. N. Dorr announced detailed plans for the joint meeting with the British Institution of Chemical Engineers which will cover a two-week period, beginning Aug. 18, when the English visitors will arrive in Quebec, and will involve a trip through the gold, silver and copper districts of the Dominion, three days' session at Niagara Falls followed by visits to Akron, Pittsburgh, Wilmington, Baltimore and Washington. The winter meeting in December 1928 will be curtailed to one day and will be held in New York City.

### Textile Chemists and Colorists Hold Annual Meeting

**A**PPROXIMATELY 250 members of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists attended the seventh annual meeting of that organization, which took place in New York, Dec. 2-3, at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

At the first general session of the Association, the necessity for thorough training and preparation for chemists and colorists was particularly stressed, together with a plea for more general and concerted fundamental research in the field, and for basic and constructive thinking.

During two sessions held the second day, papers were presented covering several phases of the contacts between chemistry and the textile industries in dyeing and processing of fibers and fabrics. Considerable emphasis was placed on the newly developed technique in the handling and processing of rayon. A dinner presided over by P. J. Wood brought the convention to a close.

### Power Show Holds Interest for Chemical Engineers

**T**HE SIXTH National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering which was held in the Grand Central Palace, New York, Dec. 5 to 10, came as the culmination of what is perhaps the most prosperous and productive year which the industries represented have enjoyed. Coming as it did, coincident with the annual meetings of the American Associations of Mechanical and Refrigerating Engineers, the Exposition was particularly valuable, not only as it established contact between vendors and manufacturers on the one hand, and engineers and buyers on the other, but because of the emphasis which was placed on the educational and instructional features.

With more than 500 exhibitors represented, four times the coverage at the first "Power Show" in 1922, those fields which are allied to the ones strictly concerned with the generation, distribution and application of power, were also well represented. Heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigerating equipment filled the booths of more than 200 exhibitors, while a considerable portion of the space was given over to the display of instruments for the control of temperatures, pressures, volume and time functions. A large number of the manufacturers of small tools, machine tools and shop equipment rounded out the list of connected lines.

In the way of new developments, the outstanding feature of the show was the tendency toward greater economy through the application of high pressures, together with the reduction of labor by means of increased use of automatic control and mechanical contrivances. Improvements consisted in the standardization of parts and the simplification and perfection of existing equipment.

### Conservation Committee for Oil Industry

**A**N ASSISTANT Secretary of the Interior, an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and a Federal Trade Commissioner have been selected as the government's three representatives on the Committee of Nine to consider petroleum conservation legislation, the Federal Oil Conservation Board announced on December 7.

The government representatives are Edward C. Finney, Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Walter F. Brown, Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Abram F. Myers, Federal Trade Commissioner.

Representatives of the petroleum industry, previously announced, are: Thomas A. O'Donnell, California Petroleum Company, Los Angeles, Calif. J. Edgar Pew, Sun Oil Company, Dallas, Tex. W. S. Farish, Humble Oil and Refining Company, Houston, Tex.

Representatives of the American Bar Association will be announced on December 10, at Washington.



# NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

By Paul Wooton

Washington Correspondent of Chem. & Met.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S decision that the "development of other methods so that nitrates can probably be produced at less cost than by the use of hydro-electric power" and "that the nitrate plants on this project are of little value for national defense" is taken to indicate that the administration is in complete accord with the Muscle Shoals policy advocated by the Secretary of Agriculture and by the technical staff of the Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory. While the last sentence of the President's reference to Muscle Shoals, which evidently was an after-thought inserted after the original paragraph was written, leads to some confusion, the general assumption is that the administration will use the full weight of its influence to dispose of the Muscle Shoals question at this session of Congress, with the understanding that the power will be sold to the highest bidder and the money derived from its sale will be devoted to the stimulation of the use of concentrated fertilizer and experiments, with a view to reductions in its cost.

The President was influenced to make this change in his Muscle Shoals policy, it is believed, by the fact that there are now in the United States six efficiently operated atmospheric nitrogen plants having an output of 35,000 tons per year of fixed nitrogen. By February 1 the production of these plants is expected to have been increased so that the annual rate of production will be 40,000 tons which was the production contemplated when nitrate plant No. 2 at Muscle Shoals was built. With the completion of the Hopewell plant by January, 1930, the annual production during that year is expected to be at least 130,000 tons.

Another feature of the situation which is thought to have influenced the President is the fact that the existing plants are in different ownerships and are well located should a national emergency arise.

IN addition to the 35,000 tons now being produced by synthetic processes, the production of by-product ammonia has mounted until last year it reached a total of 142,000 tons, which is a decided increase from the 58,000 tons produced in 1917. Thus the atmospheric nitrogen production at present is several times greater than the contemplated output at Muscle Shoals and the need for making production a condition of the Muscle Shoals contract no longer exists, the President seems to have concluded.

As this is written, Senator Norris has not actually reintroduced his resolution

setting forth his proposal for the distribution of the plants. He has announced, however, that he will reintroduce the resolution with only one major change. Under that resolution the government would operate the power plants and sell the power, giving preference to municipalities. He also proposes, however, that transmission lines may be constructed as the Secretary of War may deem advisable so as to insure competitive bids for the power. The money secured from the sale of the power is to be used in the construction of experimental fertilizer plants at Muscle Shoals or elsewhere.

INFORMATION received by the Department of Commerce from the office of its Commercial Attaché at Paris confirms that the Dye Stuffs Agreement between the French and the Germans signed at Frankfort recently included the British as well. This agreement also has been approved by the Boards of the French and German Companies and is awaiting only British government sanction, which is expected shortly. The Entente is expected to be formally effective January 1. Swiss Dye Stuffs producers are negotiating for entry into this Entente.

The terms relative to the division of the export markets among the three signatory countries is based upon their 1926 total dyestuffs exports, as follows: France—12 per cent; Germany—75 per cent; Great Britain—13 per cent. Each country reserves its home markets except that each agrees to purchase from other members those dyestuffs not made nationally. The French quota is to be allocated as follows: Kuhlmann—60 per cent; Société Anonyme des Matières Colorantes, St. Denis—30 per cent; Compagnie Française des Produits Chimiques, St. Clair du Rhône—10 per cent. France and Germany agree to exchange process information. Colonies and Protectorates are considered export markets.

Negotiations relative to the formation of a Synthetic Nitrogen Entente between France, Great Britain and Germany are said to be progressing favorably. The primary aim is a common sales program against Chilean nitrates. Some consider that American participation is necessary to insure the success of the undertaking but others think the co-operation of either American producers or sellers will suffice.

While the chemical industry is being given credit for a desire to secure certain unnamed amendments to the anti-trust statutes, no request to this effect, so far as can be learned, has been received by the government agencies deal-

ing with corporate or industrial matters, or by members of Congress who are particularly interested in the building up of a domestic chemical industry. The feeling in these quarters is that the chemical industry, particularly, would have little to gain by any change in the existing laws covering this phase of business activity.

For instance, friends of the industry here point out, that the anti-trust statutes afford protection to the chemical industry that is more valuable than any change that might be made in an effort to make it easier to compete in world markets. A spirit of individualism has characterized the growth of this industry. The smaller producer has been a great factor in making it a basic industry which serves such a diversity of activities.

One of the important factors in the growth of the chemical industry has been the public confidence it has enjoyed. There has been strong public support for adequate tariff protection for the industry and the isolated attacks which have been made upon it have fallen flat. Government specialists, and others in Washington in close touch with the industry, recent published statements to the effect that industry is seeking to amend the anti-trust laws, as they are sure that there is no such movement on foot, and because they tend to put the industry in a bad light with the public. The industry apparently is anxious for its large units to grow and for its independent companies to multiply and grow likewise.

The German I. G. has not been so conspicuously successful that the industry here is impressed with the alleged advantages of a chemical monopoly. A number of chemical interests have taken advantage of the existing Webb-Pomerene law and it is believed there will be an increasing tendency for other chemical concerns to use that means which is offered to compete more successfully with large aggregations of capital engaged in chemical activities abroad.

THERE is nothing in the extension of European cartels which calls for any change in the anti-trust laws, it is believed in administration circles. The main purpose of cartels is to increase prices so that the effect is to reduce the pressure of competition which American interests meet in world markets. If they hold together long enough they may get into mass production, in which case it is admitted they would become more formidable competition.

British restrictions on the production of rubber are stimulating its growth elsewhere at a rapidly accelerating rate. When restriction began five years ago the British dominated the situation by a large margin. Next year more than fifty per cent of the world's rubber will be produced outside the British colonies.

In like fashion Cuba, as a result of a restriction program, bids fair to do more to stimulate the domestic sugar industry than any practical measures which the United States could adopt.

## Amalgamations Serve to Rationalize British Industries

International Chemical Cartel Based on Interchange of Technical Information and Patents

*From our London Correspondent*

THE chemical industry of this country, which has been accused of being conservative, may claim to have been a pioneer in the policy of amalgamation which is now rapidly gathering momentum in other industries. One example is the amalgamation of the two great armament firms of Vickers and Armstrong-Whitworth, the details of which are just announced and which has come about shortly after the reconstruction and writing down of the capital of Vickers Limited. The combined share capital will in the first instance, be about \$100,000,000 and after paying for preference and other priority stocks and dividends, it is estimated that the annual profit will not be less than \$5,000,000. A remarkable feature of the proposals put forward is the arrangement made with an insurance office to secure a guaranteed minimum profit for the merger company. Profits in excess of \$5,000,000 per annum will, up to \$1,000,000 in each year, be payable to the insurance company, 40 per cent of the excess profits being appropriated for this purpose. This indicates confidence in the ability to earn such dividends, equivalent to about 4½ per cent of the capital, and it is expected that these will be largely forthcoming from the economies which are foreshadowed by joint management and production. Whether a profit-sharing and welfare scheme such as was outlined by Imperial Chemical Industries will also form a part of the future policy of this merger remains to be seen, but there can be no doubt that this process of rationalization of British industry has come to stay.

SUCH rationalization of British industries appears to have aroused considerable and unfavorable criticism in the United States, because there is in addition, a tendency to consider the formation of international cartels and agreements which are regarded as being inimical to American interests. It may, therefore, not be out of place to remind the American chemical industry that the formation of economic groups of reasonable size has proceeded in the United States for many years and that this country has lagged behind in the process. The recent rumors in regard to international understandings in the basic chemical industries must not be taken too seriously. They are probably directed more toward interchange of technical information, and possibly to a certain limitation of markets based upon the patent position as disclosed in regard to certain processes. That there should be any wholesale fixing of prices, actual amalgamation or the establishment of unity of interest, directed against the United States is regarded as being prac-

tically out of the question. The leading organizations are so closely linked up in all the leading European countries with corresponding interests in the United States, that in any case, the present tendency for a better understanding and the limitation of wasteful competition and litigation can only be to the ultimate benefit of the American chemical industry.

So far these chemical mergers in Europe have operated, if anything, to reduce prices and to improve quality and provided their size and scope do not become unwieldy, this tendency is likely to be maintained.

AMONG recent rumors, considerable attention has been drawn to the alleged discovery of improvements in the manufacture of synthetic rubber by the German I. G. It is well-known that at Leverkusen, an experimental factory was erected and operated intermittently. Certain improvements and economies in the manufacture of isoprene and butadiene have been made recently but rumors in regard to manufacture of synthetic rubber from these products are about as frequent as the appearance of the traditional sea-serpent and there is no reason for thinking that at the present low price for rubber, there is any likelihood of a satisfactory synthetic product being economically possible. There is, however, in course of being tried out in this country, an artificial product with properties very similar to those of rubber and which can be made cheaply enough to warrant its practical trial as a road-making surface.

In the rayon field the possibilities of British Celanese are now to be regarded more in their true perspective and as a leading daily paper put it, their product is probably better than their finance. The Nuera Company has decided upon an increase in capital and has concluded a favorable agreement with Messrs. Courtaulds Limited for an interchange of technical information and for a division of commercial production under the Lilienfeld patents, by which it is claimed that a product of great strength when wet can be produced. This rayon is also said to be capable of being made in exceptionally fine deniers, and both of this company and in regard to the Non-inflammable Film Company, further interesting announcements may be expected in the near future. Other rayon companies are operating with varying success, but in most cases there has been a radical alteration from the program which was outlined when these companies were formed, and in some cases, not only processes but the machinery which it was contemplated would be installed, have been consider-

ably altered or abandoned. The Apex Company, being the only company other than British Celanese formed for the manufacture of acetate silk, is likely to commence operations shortly, and the appearance of its products is awaited with interest.

THE coal industry is still in the doldrums and the day which was set aside in Parliament for debating the grievances of the industry was wasted owing to the obstructive tactics of the Labor members of Parliament. This also rendered abortive the attempt that was made by Low Temperature Carbonization Limited to introduce into that debate some reference to the importance of low temperature carbonization as regards the successful future of our coal supplies. This took the form of a letter sent to all members of Parliament, drawing attention to the features of low temperature carbonization and the advantages of the company's smokeless fuel "Coalite" in particular. It contained the interesting announcement that the works of the company at Barnsley were now treating continuously about 1,500 tons per week of coal and that as a result of the satisfactory results obtained, "a colliery," after a test on 150 tons of their coal, had decided to erect a plant for the treatment of 500 tons per day of coal in accordance with the "Coalite" process. The view held in competent quarters at present is that while low temperature carbonization will find its proper level in the general scheme of things, it must not be overlooked that there is only a limited market for domestic fuel and that the importance of any changes directed toward the universal adoption of low carbonization, as a solution of our oil problems, or of the alleged difficulty of utilizing our coal fines or smalls, is exaggerated. It is felt that a modified Bergius process, such as that which has been adopted by the German I. G. for their lignite resources is more likely ultimately to be introduced for the production of oil with a view to reducing imports and that the domestic demand for fuel will then be met by the briquetting of semi-coke with a smokeless binder.

Special Report No. 1 of the Chemistry Research Board of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research relates to investigations carried on at the Naval Cordite factory at Holton Heath, and represents an attempt to discover means of making formaldehyde cheaply by the oxidation of methanol.

The report shows that the attempt was not successful, but the report is interesting and as the possible forerunner of reports of a similar character, represents a definite departure from the usual official policy. In view of the tendency for nearly all countries to manufacture methanol synthetically, the results obtained may stimulate work in other directions, and the report also includes results obtained in regard to concentration of dilute formaldehyde solution as well as in regard to the action of metals on formaldehyde.



## Chemical Congress Awards Berthelot Medal to Claude

Recent Meeting in France Also Developed Suggestions for Advancing the Industry

From our Paris Correspondent

**M**ANY chemists who had come to Paris in order to take part in the celebration of the Marcelin Berthelot centenary attended the Seventh Congress of Chemical Industry. The congress awarded its medal in honor of Berthelot to George Claude.

About two hundred papers were read during the congress. In the analytic section the congress moved a resolution stating that the study of analytic methods should be put on an international basis the object being less the unifying of the present methods than their codification. It was also asked that a permanent committee including a majority of technical experts be elected, this committee being constantly informed of the wants and needs of the users of analytic methods.

In the equipment section a resolution was moved asking the creation of a scientific laboratory studying ultra-pressures to enable methodical investigations of this new field of research.

In this connection it is worthy of note that according to a recent memoir read in the National Academy of Sciences, James Besset has built an apparatus where pressures of over 20,000 atmospheres can be realized. This apparatus, the result of long research and numerous experiments, may be handled without danger; its use will allow investigations in scientific branches, particularly in crystallography, in the research of allotropy in chemical products and to detect the reactions of substances to ultra-pressures. Mr. Besset's aim in building this apparatus was the study of allotropy in carbon in order to realize synthetic diamonds.

The equipment committee also asked that common measures be adopted for vessels containing compressed combustible gasses, also that common types of valves and test-pressures be adopted. The committee moreover suggested that a central bureau be established and that international scientific and technical documents on liquid combustibles should be published in French, English, German and Spanish.

In order to increase the number of papers on rubber, tanning and similar industries the Congress discussed the question of making an adequate reward for the best paper issued.

**I**T IS particularly interesting to note from a national point of view that one of the Congress' motions concerns the new patent bill discussed by the French Senate. The congress hopes that in a near future the patent on products will be cancelled, that is, the patent on products originated by the patent law of 1844 and which the Chamber of Deputies has recently not only

prolonged but gave additional power.

It is no exaggeration to say that the patent on products has been one of the prevailing causes of the stagnation in the French organic chemical industry. Prospects would surely be more hopeful if the German patent formula (patent on processes) was adopted in France at least in the chemical industry. This concerns not only the French manufacturers but all foreign manufacturers who are required to take patents in France. With the present French legislation no one has the right to manufacture a new product protected by a patent during the duration of the patent even if the product is obtained by entirely new and more practical methods. And this disadvantage is strengthened by the fact that the new bill voted by the Lower Chamber lengthens the duration of the patents from 15 to 20 years.

The business section of the Seventh Congress of Chemistry discussed the centralizing of the big chemical industries and the international agreements now under way.

The United States' representatives in the congress were T. Bogert of Columbia University and Messrs. A. Townbridge, Weidlein, Reese and Seidell.

**S**UBSCRIPTIONS for "Chemistry House"—the Berthelot memorial—amounted to about fifteen million francs, half of which was subscribed by the French. The first stone was laid on October 26. During the following days meetings were held and the opportunity of an International Information Office for chemistry was discussed and approved. This office would centralize in Paris all scientific and technical information in order to give its subscribers all statistical or bibliographical information wanted. The representatives of forty nations decided to support this International Office but their pledge is so far merely a *pro forma* one and does not really bind anybody. However as soon as seven governments will have ratified their representatives' vote the office will become a reality and the permanent committee will be summoned to elect a director. The seat of the international office will be in Paris and the signature record will remain open six months.

Great Britain's and the United States' representatives have not joined the other nations in this occurrence and their withdrawal has been variously commented upon. We fear that the international office promoters did not have in view merely scientific and information purposes. Many French people are aware of this and regret this double abstention and the grounds that

caused them, knowing only too well that the projected office will be a mere duplicate of scientific institutions.

The "Information Nickel Office" whose president is Leon Guillet, member of the French Academy of Sciences, has organized a "Nickel Week" at the Paris "Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers." The office's object, which has been created in imitation of the Copper and Brass Research Association founded by the American Zinc Institute, is the greater use of nickel in France.

Now we hear that this communication presented like an original paper concerns in fact a process well known in the iron industry as the "Parkerization." We are really surprised to see an eminent scholar like Mr. Guillet making use of his official situation in the Academy for the booming of new commercial specialty.

The French "Borvisk" whose works at Nevers produce rayon by the viscose process, has met with such difficulties that complementary help was necessary to prevent its closing down; 50 million francs were subscribed by the following firms to refloat the company: Kuhlmann, Agache & Son, Ltd., and Dollfus, Mieg & Co.

According to most accurate rumors a European trust of the chemical industry is being contemplated. This trust would group together the French, British and German manufacturers of chemical products, coloring matters and fertilizers. So far it is impossible to get official confirmation of the secret conferences held between the French representatives of the "Comité Central de l'Industrie Chimique" and the German representatives of the I. G. Farben-Industrie.

A temporary custom convention has just been signed between France and the United States. The "Journal Officiel" of November 16 publishes the new tariff. The United States has benefited by the minimum tariff for the import in France of many American goods, this minimum tariff being the same as the one granted to Germany. The American chemical trade is therefore placed on almost the same footing as the German chemical trade, the American dyestuffs particularly, as the custom tariff applied to American imports and German imports are almost similar.

### Alkali and Chlorine Plant for Pacific Coast

The Tacoma Electrochemical Co., recently formed with a capital of \$1,000,000, by officials of the Pennsylvania Salt Co., Philadelphia, Pa., has acquired a large tract of waterfront property within the city limits of Tacoma, Wash., and has authorized plans for a new plant for the production of caustic soda, liquid chlorine and kindred products. The equipment will be very similar to that used by the parent company at its Wyandotte and Menominee plants.

## News in Brief

A STATEMENT given out by the office of Senator Copeland of New York announces that the Senator will introduce in the next session of Congress a bill regulating the use and sale of cosmetics containing poisonous or deleterious substances.

THE SUDBURY Basin Company has acquired the Jarvis Island barium sulphate deposits, some 40 miles southwest of Port Arthur, Ontario. There are said to be valuable deposits on its property, and it is the intention of the company to use the material in combustion with zinc for the manufacture of lithopone. The deposits on Jarvis Island have been developed to some extent by the opening up of shafts and drifts.

THE UNITED STATES Public Health Service has notified ship owners that the cyanide method of fumigation will be used henceforth on ships docking at Philadelphia, supplanting the use of sulphur. The change comes about five years after being made at the Port of New York.

I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE A. G., controlling German production of synthetic methanol, and Holzverkohlungs-industrie A.G., leading in production of wood distillation methanol, have renewed for 1928 their year-to-year contract pooling methanol sales on all markets, except the North American. It fixed prices gauged to meet wood distillation costs of production. The latter thus escapes competition from the cheaper synthetic product.

IN ACCORDANCE with a previous announcement, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will launch, the first of the year, a new and comprehensive Engineering Index Service which will be mailed to subscribers weekly. The Editor is Joshua E. Hannum, M.E., who has recently been engaged in directing the Safety and Production Study of the American Engineering Council.

AT THE annual meeting of the International Acetylene Association, held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, November 16-18, Dana Pierce, President of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., accepted for his organization the Morehead Gold Medal, the association's annual award for exceptionally meritorious service in the production and utilization of calcium carbide and acetylene.

THE FORTY-FIRST collegiate chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, the national professional chemical fraternity, was installed at the University of Maryland on November 25. Dr. R. M. Burns, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, national president of the organization, was assisted in the installation by F. C. Vilbrandt, regional supervisor, and by the active members of the fraternity from George Washington University chapter and members of the

professional chapter in Washington, D. C. Dr. Burns announced that the membership of the organization includes approximately 7,000 chemists and chemical engineers.

THE NEW CROP of China wood oil is now harvested and initial shipments are en route to Hankow, according to a cable dated November 30 sent to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. It is reported by the trade that this year's crop of wood oil will be good, and that for the fiscal year beginning December 1 not less than 72,000,000 pounds should be available for foreign export from Central China.

### Electrification of Sicilian Sulphur Works Delayed

IN A report from Catania, consul I. C. Funk states that great dissatisfaction and disappointment has been expressed by local sulphur interests in that the promised electrification of the sulphur industry is not progressing, and that, in fact, practically no steps at all have been taken to initiate the work. Some years ago the electrical company for Eastern Sicily borrowed money from local interests and to make payment arranged to electrify the entire industry. Ready capital for such an undertaking was lacking, however, and unsuccessful attempts to obtain a loan first in Italy and then in America were made, with the result that very little progress has been made in the much desired electrification of the industry.

Production of sulphur during the first half of 1927 amounted to 108,581 metric tons, as compared with 103,731 tons in the corresponding period of 1926. Shipments increased in the first six months of 1927 to 163,072 tons, resulting in a reduction of stocks on June 30 to 36,199 tons, as compared with 69,438 tons on hand June 30, 1926.

### Changes in M.I.T. Chemical Engineering Staff

THE resignation of Professor R. T. Haslam from the chemical engineering faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has necessitated a number of changes in staff appointments. Professor Haslam left the first of November to join the research staff of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, but is retained on the Tech. faculty as a non-resident professor of fuel and gas engineering. Professor Ward, who has been associated with him, will take charge of the fuels research work at the Institute. W. P. Ryan, who has been directing the field station of the Institute at Buffalo, will return to Cambridge to head the School of Chemical Engineering Practice. George Slottman will be acting in charge of the Buffalo station. During the fall term the work at the Bayonne station of the Institute on oil refining will be under the direction of Mr. T. A. Mangelsdorf.

### Color Laboratory Studies Industrial Wastes

DISCOVERY of a mold which produces a satisfactory yield of gluconic acid from solutions of glucose may result in the widespread use of gluconic acid in beverages, condiments and the application of dyes, according to the Color and Farm Waste Division, formerly the Color Laboratory, of the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry and Soils. Work on the further development of this process and uses for the product is being actively continued, as is the division's work on the utilization of industrial wastes. Typical of these are paracymene from the paper industry and ortho-dichlorobenzol from the chlorination of benzol. It has been shown that the former has a use as a paint thinner and a base for acid proof resins, while the latter makes an excellent metal polish as well as a starting point for the synthesis of alizarine.

The problem of the utilization of farm wastes is one in which the Color Laboratory has been interested for some time. Following the work which resulted in the development of furfural from a chemical curiosity to a commercial product, an investigation was started into the nature and possible uses of lignin. Attempts to determine its composition have been accompanied by experiments in its utilization in its various forms, and appreciable progress has been made in both directions. Among other things, the lignin found in sulphite waste liquors has been coupled with well known intermediates to produce a series of colors, and its destructive distillation has given eugenol in small quantities. Another investigation undertaken is that into the possible uses of peanut shells. This material contains a good grade of short fibered cellulose, which may find use in the rayon industry, or as a raw material for nitro-cellulose.

### Glaubers Salt Production in Canada Increased

ADRYING plant for the dehydration of the natural glaubers salts, of which one of the largest deposits in the world is located at Palo, Saskatchewan, is being planned by the Whiteshore Salts and Chemical Company. Wilbert Fisher and Harry Parsons, president and secretary of the company, were recently in Edmonton, Alberta, on matters relative to financing a dehydration plant and the possibility of securing another outlet for the product in the straw paper industry being promoted there. The utilization of the glaubers salt or sodium sulphate deposits of Saskatchewan is a new venture and already the Palo company has shipped out 3,000 tons of crystals, mostly to the nickel industry of Sudbury, Ontario, and the textile industries of Quebec. Large quantities are being used in the manufacture of sulphate wood pulp. It is expected that the erection of a dehydration plant at a cost of \$100,000 and the shipment of the dry salt will broaden the market.



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H. S. PAINE, formerly head of the carbohydrate laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry, is now chief chemist of the Wilbur-Suchard Chocolate Company, Philadelphia, Pa., recently formed to consolidate H. O. Wilbur & Sons, Inc., and the American interests of the Suchard company, Neuchatel, Switzerland.

J. C. McLENNAN of the Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto, has been awarded the medal of the Royal Society of England in atomic physics and spectroscopy.

WALTER A. LAYFIELD, vice-president in charge of operations of the Atlas Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., has resigned. He has acted in that capacity since 1913 when the company was organized. For a number of years he was connected with the Repauno Chemical Company, later merged with E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, Del.

J. J. MORSMAN has been elected president of the Carter White Lead Company, Chicago, Ill., succeeding F. M. Carter who was recently elected vice-president of the National Lead Company, New York.

MYRON B. DIGGIN of Matewan, N. J., is the recipient of an industrial fellowship in the Department of Chemistry, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., established by Meech & Stoddard, Inc., Middletown, Conn. He will co-operate with Professor C. R. Hoover, head of the department, in research in gasoline.

VICTOR F. HOUSER has accepted an appointment as ceramic engineer for the Morton Pottery Company, Morton, Ill.

H. E. K. RUPPEL, chief chemist for the Gillette Safety Razor Company, Boston, Mass., has sailed for a trip abroad, accompanying Thomas W. Pelham, vice-president.

WILLIAM DUPONT, formerly president of the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., is confined at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., with a serious illness.

EDWARD J. LAVINO, president of E. J. Lavino & Company, Philadelphia, Pa., recently sailed for a trip abroad, to be absent for a number of weeks.

HAROLD BODIN has become chief of the technical department of the Chicago, Ill., plant of the paint, varnish and lead division of E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, Del.

R. G. MACDONALD, who has been assistant to the sales manager of *Chem. & Met.* since 1925, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry. He will be located at the headquarters of the Association, 18 East 41st Street, New York City. Mr. Mac-



R. G. MACDONALD

donald is a graduate of M.I.T. and the School of Chemical Engineering Practice. He was formerly employed as a chemical engineer by the Pejepscot Paper Company of Brunswick, Maine, and the Oxford Paper Company of Rumford, Maine.

J. F. WELLER has become chemist in the Rubber Research Laboratory of the Eagle-Picher Lead Co., Joplin, Mo.

R. C. WOODBRIDGE, heretofore director of the Brandywine Laboratory of the Smokeless Powder Division of E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, Del., has been appointed chemical director of the division, with headquarters at Wilmington. He will be succeeded at the Brandywine Laboratory by S. C. Lloyd.

FRITZ BLUETHGEN, head of the German Glanstoff-Bemberg interests, producers of rayon, recently arrived in the United States, where he will remain several weeks, devoting considerable time to a new mill project of the American division of the organization at Johnson City, Tenn.

BRUCE WAGNER is now with the laboratory research division of the Titanium Alloy Manufacturing Company, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

MAGNUS W. HELLGREN, technical manager, Uddeholms Co., Skoghall, Sweden, operating pulp and paper mills, is on a visit to the United States and

will visit a number of plants of this kind, including several in Canada.

HOWARD A. POILLON has been appointed acting head of the Research Corporation, New York, to succeed A. A. Hammerslag, recently deceased.

C. B. FRANCIS, consulting chemist, for a number of years connected with the Carnegie Steel Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., as assistant chief chemist and later as chemist and metallurgist, has been appointed director of the bureau of technical education of the company, to succeed James M. Camp, who died recently. Mr. Francis has acted as assistant director of the bureau for several years.

PHILIP C. SCHERER has become chemist for the Brown Company, Berlin, N. H., operating pulp and paper mills.

EDGAR M. QUEENY of the Monsanto Chemical Works, St. Louis, Mo., has sailed for a trip abroad to be absent several weeks.

ELMORE S. PETTIJOHN has been appointed director of research of the Michigan Gas Association with headquarters at Ann Arbor. He was formerly connected with the Somet-Solvay Corporation and the Ford Motor Company.

W. G. MACNAUGHTON, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, has resigned this position to become engineer of the Newsprint Service Bureau, New York City. Mr. MacNaughton has been secretary of T A P P I for the past six years. In his new position Mr. MacNaughton will be at the service of the newsprint industry of the United States and Canada in an advisory capacity.

G. D. BEARCE, engineer of the Newsprint Service Bureau of New York, has resigned this position to become a member of the manufacturing staff of the International Paper Company.

Dr. HUGH P. BAKER, executive secretary of the American Pulp and Paper Association and formerly dean of the New York State College of Forestry, will soon relinquish his present duties to take up those of the chairmanship of the newly created trade association committee of the United States Department of Commerce.

HARRY E. TUFFT is now with the Grasselli Chemical Company, Cleveland, Ohio, where he will specialize in wood preservation, especially to assist mine operators and engineers in the study of individual line timber needs.

E. HUMBERT, chemical engineer of Los Angeles, sailed for Europe Dec. 7 in connection with the construction of an alcohol plant for the Solvents Products, Ltd., of London.

J. B. KRAK has resigned his position with the Union Carbide Company (Elec-

tro Metallurgical Co.) of Niagara Falls, and has joined the ceramic department of the Roessler & Hasslacher Chemical Company, Perth Amboy, N. J., to take charge of glass research and technical service work in connection with the manufacture and sale of glass makers' chemicals. Before entering upon his new duties he will make a two months' trip to Europe to study the glass manufacturing industry of the principal European glass producing districts. Mr. Krak was formerly connected with the United States Window Glass Company, and with a number of other glass manufacturing concerns as consulting glass technologist.

GEORGE H. YOUNG, general manager of the Photogenic Machine Company, Youngstown, Ohio, has resigned in order to assume the presidency and direct the activities of the Birmingham Engineering Co., Birmingham, N. Y.

WILBERT W. WEIR, associate soil technologist of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has accepted a position on the staff of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau with headquarters in New York City.

A. S. EICHLIN is now serving as research associate at the Bureau of Standards, working on problems of dyeing and cleaning in co-operation with the newly established National Institute for Dyeing and Cleaning, which is now occupying its new laboratories in the suburbs of Washington, D. C.

H. S. KENT has joined the staff of Joubert & Goslin Machine & Foundry Company, and will be located at the Birmingham plant where he will work particularly on vacuum filters.

JAMES D. CUNNINGHAM, president of the Republic Flow Meters Company, Chicago, has been elected to the office of president of the Illinois Manufacturer's Association.

R. L. OWEN, the Brazil representative of Joubert & Goslin Machine & Foundry Company, is in this country on a vacation.

PHILIP B. SADTLER, formerly vice-president of the Swenson Evaporator Company (a subsidiary of Whiting Corporation) Harvey, Ill., has been elected president of the Swenson Evaporator Company, to succeed the late N. S. Lawrence. Mr. Sadtler has been with the Swenson organization for about twenty years and during this time has handled a wide range of chemical engineering problems involving evaporation and heat transfer processes. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

H. J. STRUTH, petroleum economist, has been appointed editor of *Natural Gas*, the official organ of the Natural Gas Department of the American Gas Association. He succeeds W. Re. Brown, the former editor, and will have his headquarters at 9 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Until recently,

Mr. Struth was associate editor and economist of *Oil Trade and Fuel Oil*, in New York. He has been identified with several leading oil and gas companies as an economist and obtained his practical knowledge of the oil and gas business in the Mid-Continent fields.

HERBERT A. JOHNSON has been appointed New York manager of the Leipzig Trade Fair, Inc., 630 Fifth Ave., New York, to succeed the late E. A. Boettcher.

W. D. COOLIDGE, assistant director of the research laboratory of the General Electric Co., has been awarded the Hughes medal by the Royal Society for "distinguished work on X-rays and the development of highly efficient apparatus for their production."

ARTHUR A. ZENTNER sailed for Europe on December 9.

HAROLD W. FREVERT is now chemist at the Holland Tunnel for the New York Bridge and Tunnel Commission and the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission, New York, N. Y.

DAVID WESSON, chemist and chemical engineer and technical counselor of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, has removed his office to 111 South Mountain Ave., Montclair, N. J.

## OBITUARY

WILLIAM EATON MERRITT, general plant superintendent of Armour Fertilizer Works, died suddenly on a Chicago elevated train while on his way to the office, Nov. 19, 1927. The nature of the sudden illness was not known. Mr. Merritt had recently been in good health and left home that morning in excellent spirits. He was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1881, where he lived until eighteen years of age. He was a nephew of General Wesley Merritt. In June, 1900, he received his appointment as cadet at the military academy at West Point, from which he graduated in June, 1905. His first civil employment after leaving the army was with Morris & Company, Chicago, from November, 1908, to March, 1909, when he entered the employ of Armour Fertilizer Works as a student in the manufacturing department, starting in the old fertilizer plant at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago. In December, 1909, he was transferred to

Atlanta to continue his training under C. E. Cresse, then general superintendent of Armour Fertilizer Works.

In 1910 Mr. Merritt was made superintendent of the Tennessee Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Armour Fertilizer Works, in Nashville, Tenn. He left Nashville in July, 1918, to accept a position with the Calco Chemical Company, Bound Brook, N. J., as assistant works manager, remaining there until October, 1919. From October, 1919, to May, 1923, he was general works manager for the Victor Chemical Company, with plants in Nashville, Tenn., and Chicago Heights, Ill. From May, 1923, until September, 1923, he did special engineering work with the American Rolling Mill Company at Middletown, Ohio, for whom he made a comprehensive survey and report on inland waterways transportation. He re-entered the employ of Armour Fertilizer Works in September, 1923, as superintendent of the plant at Carteret, N. J., where he remained until July, 1924, when he was appointed general superintendent, with headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Merritt is survived by his wife, Martha; three children, Sarah, William and Martha; two sisters and one brother and a large host of friends.

ROBERT KEFFER, chief chemist for the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., at Butte, Mont., died recently at San Diego, Cal., aged 37 years.

ALONZO G. KINYON, consulting engineer with the Fuller Lehigh Company, Fullerton, Pa., died on Nov. 13, following an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Born in Amboy, Ill., in 1870, Mr. Kinyon early became associated with railway work in various stages. During the time he was connected with the railways he was identified with development in the fuel burning equipment and fuel conservation with different railway companies. He also served as an instructor in railway equipment and operation with the International Correspondence School. In 1915 Mr. Kinyon turned his attention to pulverized fuel joining a company connected with the use of pulverized coal on locomotives, and he was so impressed with the possibilities that he resolved to make improvements in the use of pulverized coal his main interest. Later Mr. Kinyon organized the Kinyon Pulverized Fuel Engineering Company to work out pulverized fuel application for hotel and apartment use and in September, 1918, became associated with the Fuller Lehigh Company with which he continued until his death. While his service to the various industries was marked by the contribution of valuable inventions in a wide variety of subjects, the outstanding point in Mr. Kinyon's career was the invention and development of the Fuller-Kinyon conveying system for transporting pulverized material. This system is now widely used in many diversified industries. In recognition of his efforts he was on Nov. 11, 1926, awarded the Longstreth Medal by the Franklin Institute as well as life membership in that organization.

## CALENDAR

AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY, tour through France, Germany, Czechoslovakia and England, May 19-July 16, 1928.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, spring meeting St. Louis, Mo., April 16-20, 1928.

AMERICAN ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY, spring meeting, Bridgeport, Conn., April 26, 27 and 28, 1928.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF GENERAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY (second) Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 29-31.



## European Chemical Cartel Reported To Have Been Consummated

British Dyestuff Interests Credited With Joining Germany and France in Dividing Export Markets

CREATION OF an international chemical cartel in Europe by agreement between France and Germany for the allocation and apportionment of world markets between the two countries is about to be consummated according to reliable but unofficial reports that the agreement was signed at Frankfurt recently by representatives of the French and German dyestuffs industries and now awaits final approval by the Boards of Directors, the Department of Commerce has been advised.

While no official statement as to the details of the individual sections of the entente have yet been made public, Daniel J. Reagan, assistant commercial attaché at Paris, has previously reported the following items which it is stated have been confirmed by officials close to the negotiating groups.

THE arrangement for dyestuffs is already in operation, despite the failure to sign the accord while minor questions over market quotations have still to be settled. It is understood that the production quotas for Germany and France have been established by averaging the output for 1926, 1927, and the estimated output which each country anticipates for 1928 on the bases of the orders already received. The French industry considers that it has gained some success by having the actual and anticipated sales for 1928 taken into account because of the exceptionally large forward orders which it has already booked. On these bases, it is probable that the French quota has been established between 15,000 and 16,000 metric tons per year. This total, of course, does not include the dyestuffs produced in relatively small quantities by certain textile companies for their own consumption but which do not enter into the French trade in these products nor the output of the Swiss-owned plant at Sains-Fons, said to be approximately 1,200 metric tons in 1926.

In determining France's import and export quotas for coal-tar dyestuffs under the entente, it is impossible, of course, for this combination to control strictly the import factor. But in view of the fact that France has recently begun the production of a number of intermediate products including synthetic anthraquinone, the basis for the alizarine vat dyes, and beta-aminoanthraquinone, the basis for solan-threne dyes, its position in these negotiations has been distinctly improved. In 1926, one company alone introduced 95 new kinds of dyes, representing about 40 different dyes, among which the most important being the bromate-indigo series and the solan-threne dyestuffs, which were formerly imported almost entirely from Germany. By filling in these gaps, the French dyestuffs industry was in a strong trading

position on the question of retaining the home market. The French producers are, however, still faced with the entry of reparations dyestuffs until the Fall of 1928. Since 1924, dye imports have remained at approximately 1,500 tons per year, although at the present rate, purchases for 1926 will probably exceed this amount by several hundred tons.

Exports for 1927, on the other hand, should approximate 5,300 tons as compared with 4,700 tons in 1926, and 5,000

### Quicksilver Deposits in Nevada

Important quicksilver deposits in the Pilot Mountains of western Nevada are described in a bulletin of the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, just issued by the Survey as Bulletin 795-E. The deposits are situated in the heart of the Pilot Mountains, especially on the east and west flank of one of the main ridges, which has been named Cinnabar Mountain on account of the presence of cinnabar, the chief ore mineral of quicksilver. The nearest town is Mina, 12 miles away. Production from these mines began in 1915. All the ore mined to date has been of high grade, much of it with a content of over 10 per cent of quicksilver and some of it even the pure ore mineral. Low-grade ore has not been utilized but is stated by the Geological Survey to be present in some abundance.

tons in 1925. On the basis of these exports, and the estimated foreign sales for 1928, it is believed that the export quota sought by the French in this entente approximates 5,500 metric tons, or slightly in excess of one-third of the French output.

As for price-control, there has been the usual denial of hard and fast price fixing. It is admitted, however, by those close to the parties interested in this entente, that "unofficial" price arrangements are already in operation.

WITHIN the last few days, cable advices state that British dyestuffs interests have joined with France and Germany in this agreement. The agreement is reported to have now been signed by the boards of French and German companies and awaits only British government sanction before being made formally effective as of Jan. 1, 1928. Swiss dyestuffs producers are negotiating for entry into this entente.

The terms relative to the division of export markets among the three signatory countries is based upon their 1926 total dyestuffs exports as follows: France, 12 per cent; Germany, 75 per cent; and Great Britain, 13 per cent. Each country reserves its home markets except that each agrees to purchase from other members those dyestuffs not made nationally.

France and Germany agree to exchange process information. Colonies and protectorates are considered export markets. The French quota is to be allocated as follows, according to the reports: Kuhlmann, 60 per cent; St. Denis, 30 per cent; (Kuhlmann associate) St. Clair du Rhone, 10 per cent.

Favorable progress in the formation of a Synthetic Nitrogen Entente between France, Germany, and Great Britain to meet competition from natural nitrates through a common sales program is reported. Persons close to the European negotiating interests are reported as saying that without American participation the program can not be entirely successful.

WHILE less is now known as to the exact details governing the rayon clause its general lines are admitted to follow those for dyestuffs. Production quotas for each of the contracting countries are based upon the average output for the years 1925-1926-1927 (on the basis of the production so far achieved this year). This would mean a production quota for France of approximately 7,000 metric tons. Export contingents are said to have been based upon an average for the same period, although the contingents allotted for the individual foreign markets are still subject to review. In well informed circles, it is believed that an effort will be made towards at least a gentleman's agreement upon export prices, although the condition of the world markets would seem to make the maintenance of such an arrangement extremely difficult.

Of interest in connection with these negotiations is the press report that the Comptoir Francais des Textiles Artificiels has concluded an agreement with the European rayon cartel for the exploitation of the Celta process. Furthermore, the difficulties which have divided the French group and Courtaulds over the question of the manufacture of a special viscose silk, which has particular qualities of lightness and warmth, have been settled through the intervention of Glanzstoff. Furthermore, this latter company is reported to have established, with the Comptoir Francais, a German rayon company, known as the "Zelta A.G." Besides its rapprochement with the Germans, the Comptoir des Textiles is continuing its discussion with the British "Celanese."

The final terms of this section of the agreement have not yet been established because, as stated above, of the demand of the French for a further review of world market conditions, while awaiting the results of the Franco-British and German-British discussions of these products.

## MARKET CONDITIONS *and* PRICE TRENDS

### Chemical Production Remains Below Last Year's Levels

**I**NDUSTRIAL activities have continued along relatively quiet lines throughout the last month and within the chemical industry, conditions have followed the general trend. Basic industries such as steel and iron reported production in November as being close to the low of the year. Carloadings for the month also were lower and other business indices, including outputs of byproduct coke and automobiles, showed up in unfavorable comparison with those for the corresponding period of last year.

Consumption of chemicals as computed from a survey of the principal consuming industries is maintaining a high level but is not up to the standards of a year ago. Overproduction of paper has brought about a curtailment in the manufacture of pulp and paper; plate glass production has declined materially; spotted conditions prevail in the textile industry; rayon manufacture is running ahead of last year, oil refining is less active although vegetable oil refiners have been more active than they were last year.

**E**MPLOYMENT figures bear out reports that general production is not as large as it was a year ago. The Bureau of Labor in its monthly review shows that employment in manufacturing industries in October was 5.3 per cent lower than in October, 1926. The weighted index numbers for October with comparisons were as follows:

	Oct., 1927	Sept., 1927	Oct., 1926
Dyeing and finishing textiles.....	100.1	98.3	97.6
Leather.....	88.8	89.2	92.1
Paper and pulp.....	93.3	93.3	96.2
Chemicals.....	96.3	95.3	96.9
Fertilizers.....	91.8	95.2	104.9
Petroleum refining.....	87.9	91.1	102.7
Glass.....	93.3	92.5	102.0
Automobile tires.....	102.1	106.7	112.7
All manufacturing.....	87.6	88.0	92.5

These index numbers indicate that falling off in chemical production has been less pronounced than that for industry as a whole and with the automobile, tire, glass, and fertilizer industries showing signs of recoveries the outlook for production and consumption of chemicals is promising. The fertilizer industry not only recorded advances in output over September but registered a gain of 12.8 per cent over the total for October last year. Chemical pulp production in October was 215,508 tons as compared with 235,848 tons for October, 1926. Acetate of lime and methanol show declines as compared with a year ago but the falling off is not as large as might have been expected in view of increased offerings of synthetic methanol.

Oleomargarine has been finding a large outlet and has accounted for a much larger disappearance of vegetable oils than was the case last year.

**A**CCORDING to the report of the Department of Commerce production of raw materials in October was greater than in either the previous month or October, 1926, increases occurring over both prior periods in the marketings of animal products and crops. Although mineral production was greater than in September, it was lower than a year ago, while in the case of forestry production, a decline was registered from September, the October output, however, being on the same level as in the previous year.

The production of manufactured commodities, after adjustment for working-time differences, was smaller than in either the previous month or October of last year. As compared with the preceding month, without adjustment for differences in working time, larger production was registered in foodstuffs, iron and steel and chemicals and oils, all other groups either declining or showing no change. Contrasted with a year ago, October production showed increases in foodstuffs, textile, leather, chemicals and oils, stone and clay products, and tobacco manufactures, other groups showing declines.

Stocks of commodities, after adjustment for seasonal conditions, were held in smaller quantities than in the preceding month, but were higher than a year ago. As compared with the previous month, stocks of raw and manufactured foodstuffs and other manufactured commodities were lower, while the holdings of raw materials, other than foodstuffs, were higher. As compared with a year ago, all major groups showed larger stocks, except raw foodstuffs, which were smaller. The general unadjusted index of commodity stocks showed larger holdings at the end of October than at the end of either prior period.

The index of unfilled orders, principally for iron and steel and building materials, was lower at the end of October, than at the end of either the previous month or October of last year. While forward orders for iron and steel showed an increase over the previous month, the advance was insufficient to offset a decline in building materials.

**P**RICES for chemicals, especially those where large tonnage is involved, have been well stabilized and only minor changes were reported during the past month. Principal interest in quotations centers in those applying

on contracts. In some cases contract prices for 1928 are lower than they were for 1927 but these reductions are little better than nominal in view of the fact that open quotations were not adhered to last year and actual sales were made at prices approximating those now openly quoted. Oils and facts, on the other hand, show frequent price fluctuations with the present trend downward. Cottonseed oil is affected by the large carryover from the preceding season. Linseed oil is quiet and low in price with developments in Argentine markets as the prime factor in influencing future values.

**D**URING October, exports of chemicals and allied products amounting to \$14,800,000 were 4 per cent less while imports equaling \$18,478,000 were 16 per cent more than in October, 1926. Among the more important reductions in exports were those of naval stores, coal-tar products, fertilizers, and explosives. Sulphur shipments were double those of the previous October, and medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations were one tenth more. The leading commodities contributing to the increase in imports were gums and resins, creosote oil, colors, dyes, and stains, perfume materials, and fertilizers.

Whereas a year ago exports of crude coal tar products, especially benzol, were exceptionally high, those of this October were small and contributed chiefly to the 25 per cent decrease in exports of all coal tar products to \$975,000 for the month. Colors, dyes, and stains were reduced 17 per cent in quantities to 1,840,000 lb. valued at \$400,000.

In contrast to the decline in exports, imports of all coal tar products doubled to \$2,567,000. Incoming shipments of creosote oil were unusually large and amounted to \$1,886,000 (10,951,000 gal.). Approximately one seventh more or a total of \$500,000 (480,000 lb.) of colors, dyes, and stains, were imported in October, 1927.

Chiefly on account of a continued strong demand for American borax, and for disinfectants, insecticides, fungicides, and similar preparations, exports of industrial chemicals were 5 per cent more than in October, 1926, and equaled \$2,722,000, a figure \$350,000 above that of imports. Considerably smaller amounts of calcium carbide, and of crude glycerin entering the United States in October, 1927, than in October, 1926, are the chief causes for a total decline of 21 per cent of all industrial chemicals imported to \$2,372,000.

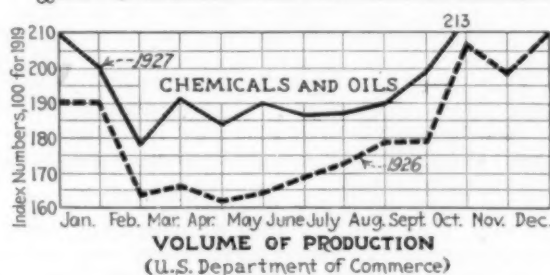
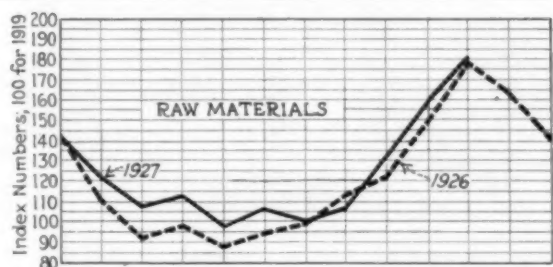
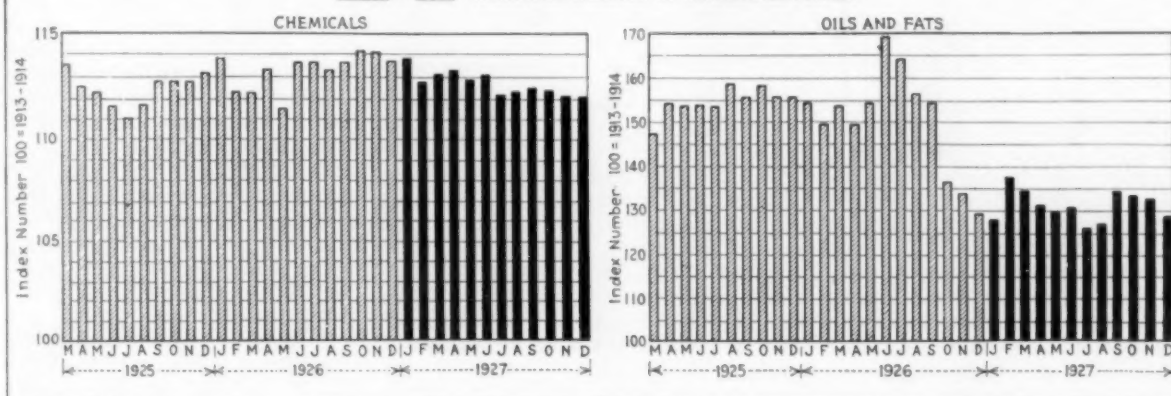
The pigments, paints, and varnish trade changed but little, exports amounting to \$1,477,000 and imports less than one quarter as much or \$327,000. Of interest in this group, was the continued expansion in sales of varnishes other than oil, including lacquers.



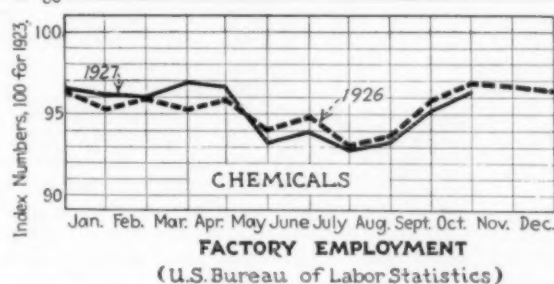
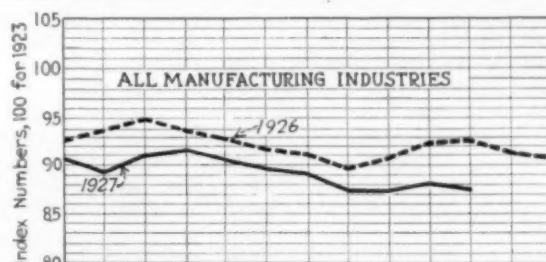
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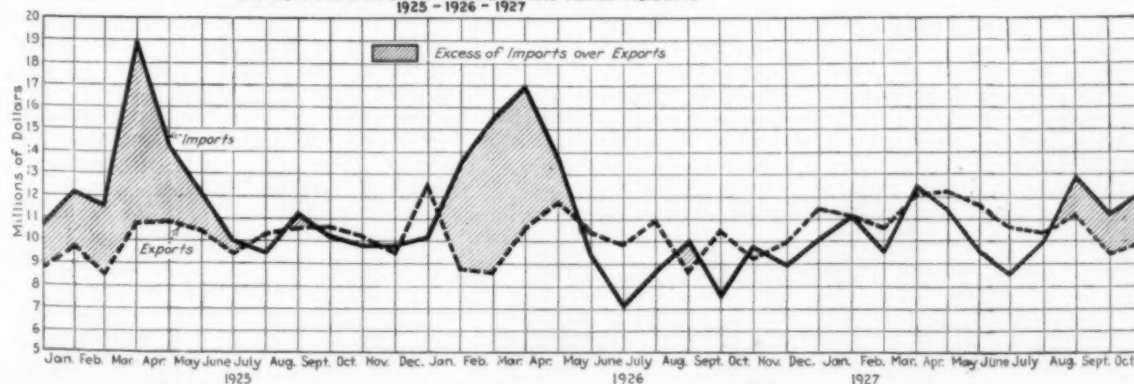


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## MARKET CONDITIONS *and* PRICE TRENDS

### Contract Commitments for Chemicals Less Active

#### Falling Off in Buying Orders Reported for Alkalies and Other Selections

**L**ARGE CONSUMERS of heavy chemicals, especially of alkalies, were reported to be slow in placing contract commitments during the past month. The volume of such business is said to compare unfavorably with the total for November last year. Prices quoted for 1928 deliveries are entirely acceptable but uncertainty about future conditions is said to be influencing consuming trades to hold off until a clearer idea may be obtained regarding probable amounts they will require. In the case of liquid chlorine, buyers have been friendly to the market since the lower schedule of prices was announced and a good tonnage has been sold for delivery over next year. Considerable opposition had been voiced by users of liquid chlorine before the reduction in price but the situation has been clarified and the probability of new sources of production has been dissipated.

The ammonia products, aqua and anhydrous, have been working into a stronger position and higher prices have been obtained by sellers. The advance in price was not general but the new and higher-priced figures seem to meet with very little opposition and the keen rivalry which existed in the market for the last two years apparently has abated, but with production on a large scale the stability of prices may depend on the ability of the market to absorb offerings.

**I**MPROVEMENT was reported in demand for alcohol and other materials used for anti-freeze purposes. Weather conditions have been unfavorable for an active market but distribution into consuming channels broadened during the month and stocks in distributors' hands were decreased. In view of the anticipated increase in consumption, prices for alcohol are steady with resale lots apparently small. Glycerin, while expected to find an increased outlet, has shown a weak tone and shading of prices has been rumored. Stocks of glycerin are reported as large and jobbers are said to have been offered favorable terms in order to influence them to take on stocks. Importers also are competing in the glycerin market which adds to the weakness of values. It is too early to determine to what extent sales of glycerin will affect the use of alcohol in the anti-freeze trade, but the fact that production of alcohol is to be regulated is of more importance as a price factor, although future prices may be more in buyers' favor as a result of lower cost of production if rumors are verified that

molasses will be available below present contract levels.

**S**ILICATE of soda has been going out steadily on contracts and enlarged uses for this chemical are said to have enlarged production. The use of silicate for road making is reported to have reached considerable size, so much so that it has become a competitor of other chemicals which formerly had a monopoly in that field.

Bichromate of soda has shown no new features in recent trading and as the majority of large consumers have covered future requirements the present market is inactive. Chromic acid has been of interest by reason of the demand in the plating trade and production promises to show material gains in the coming year.

The course of the metal markets has had an influence on chemical products with different advances in price traceable to higher selling levels for the basic materials. Advances in pig lead were responsible for higher prices for red lead, litharge, and orange mineral. Tin crystals, bichloride of tin, and anhydrous tetrachloride of tin reached higher levels following rises in the metal market. Copper also moved upward in price and a strong market rules for copper sulphate. Incidentally a good trading movement has characterized the market for copper sulphate and higher prices seem inevitable unless foreign competition has sufficient influence to hold the market in check.

**S**PIRITS of turpentine and gum rosin continue in a depressed condition and with large stocks in sight it will take a sustained buying movement to restore the equilibrium of the market. The low prices which have ruled have failed to increase export trade and October shipments to foreign markets were smaller than a year ago. The most important development in the naval stores trade was an announcement by the Naval Stores Unit of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils to the effect that a new still had been developed whereby steam could be utilized in the production of turpentine and rosin. It is stated that while turpentine was formerly more valuable than the rosin, the situation now is usually reversed. Rosin is now more valuable than turpentine and operators are desirous of producing the highest grade of rosin possible. The new steam still meets that requirement and many others as well. Results of experiments in which the several kinds of gums col-

lected at various times of the year were distilled indicate that this steam still will produce a uniformly higher grade of rosin than the old-fire still, and larger yields of turpentine; and that it will do the work with less fuel and more speed, and consequently with less cost than was possible with the fire still. Another very decided advantage is the greater safety with which the steam still may be operated.

The operation of the steam still does not differ very widely from that of the fire still. The heat to bring about distillation is obtained from a system of closed coils ingeniously placed inside the still so that all gum will be uniformly cooked, and without interfering with skimming or discharging the rosin. Live steam takes the place of water usually fed into the still to carry over the turpentine but is brought in at the bottom of the still through a sparger. Steam pressure is maintained at 125 lb. during the run, and steam going into the stills must be perfectly dry.

**C**OAL-TAR chemicals are featured by the strong tone to cresylic acid. The domestic output is light and production in foreign markets is pretty well taken up with only a small surplus for export, consequently the import price is holding firm with no indication of a change in conditions. Benzol continues to be in ample supply and prices are none too steady but the output has been curtailed and the market is working into a position where there will be a more equal balance between supply and demand. Greater competition is expected in the market for aniline oil as some producers have enlarged their outputs.

**O**N DECEMBER 8, the Department of Commerce issued its final report on the cotton crop and placed the outturn at 12,789,000 bales of 500 lb. gross weight each. While this report showed a smaller total than that reported as of November 1, the effect on the market for cottonseed oil was bearish and values for oil were adversely affected. While the supply of cottonseed is considerably less than from the 1926 crop, the large supply of oil carried over into the present season will give a total oil supply in excess of consuming needs and present reports favor an increase in the cotton acreage next Spring as planters are said to be reserving a larger area for cotton. Moreover, sales of fertilizer for future delivery are running ahead of those of a year ago and this would forecast a larger yield per acre.

Linseed oil is moving seasonably against contracts but many consumers are not covered far ahead and seem to be basing hopes of lower prices on a record flaxseed crop in the Argentine. European markets have shown an ability to absorb large amounts of seed and unless buying from that quarter declines



## MARKET CONDITIONS *and* PRICE TRENDS

### Chem. & Met. Weighted Index of Chemical Prices

Base = 100 for 1913-14

This month	112.08
Last month	112.02
December, 1926	113.71
December, 1925	113.11

The more important chemicals showed very little price fluctuations in recent weeks. The ammonia market was in a firmer position and higher prices were realized for lead oxides. The weighted index number was slightly higher.

the probability of material declines in seed and oil prices does not seem encouraging. Domestic markets for the near future may be influenced more by demand for oil than by fluctuations in foreign markets for seed.

According to reports from China, the

new crop of wood oil has been harvested and is now being marketed. The crop is described as good and for the fiscal year beginning Dec. 1, not less than 72,000,000 lb. will be available for export from central China. The market has been a little easier especially in forward positions.

Wood chemicals show no material change. Production of crude methanol in October was 643,491 gal., which compares with 576,947 gal. in October last year. October output of refined methanol was 688,435 gal. as against 618,284 gal. in October, 1926. Acetate of lime production in October was 13,911,770 lb. compared with 14,002,232 lb. in October, 1926. In the case of acetate of lime the domestic output in the 10-month period ended October was larger than in the corresponding period of 1926 but production of both crude and refined methanol was smaller with the

### Chem. & Met. Weighted Index of Prices for Oils and Fats

Base = 100 for 1913-14

This month	128.30
Last month	132.90
December, 1926	128.94
December, 1925	156.13

Declines in price were almost general throughout the oil and fat markets last month. Cottonseed, coconut, corn, and peanut oils sold at lower levels and the same was true of tallow and other fats. Paint-making oils were fairly steady.

largest decline recorded for the refined product. That producers of these wood chemicals have been working at a disadvantage is attested by the fact that one of the large producing companies has just been petitioned into bankruptcy.

# CURRENT PRICES *in the NEW YORK MARKET*

*For Chemicals, Oils and Allied Products*

The following prices refer to round lots in the New York Market. Where it is the trade custom to sell f.o.b. works, quotations are given on that basis and are so designated. Prices are corrected to December 12.

### Industrial Chemicals

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Acetone, drums, . . . . . lb.	\$0.12 - \$0.13	\$0.12 - \$0.13	\$0.12 - \$0.13
Acid, acetic, 28%, bbl. . . . . cwt.	3.38 - 3.63	3.38 - 3.63	3.25 - 3.50
Boric, bbl. . . . . lb.	.081 - .084	.081 - .084	.081 - .11
Citric, kegs. . . . . lb.	.44 - .45	.44 - .45	.45 - .47
Formic, bbl. . . . . lb.	.11 - .12	.10 - .11	.10 - .11
Gallie, tech., bbl. . . . . lb.	.50 - .55	.50 - .55	.45 - .50
Hydrofluoric 30% carb. . . . . lb.	.06 - .07	.06 - .07	.06 - .07
Lactic, 44%, tech., light, bbl. lb.	.13 - .14	.13 - .14	.13 - .14
22%, tech., light, bbl. . . . . lb.	.06 - .07	.06 - .07	.06 - .07
Muriatic, 18%, tanks. . . . . cwt.	.85 - .90	.85 - .90	.85 - .90
Nitric, 36%, carboys. . . . . cwt.	.05 - .051	.05 - .051	.05 - .051
Oleum, tanks, wks. . . . . ton	18.00 - 20.00	18.00 - 20.00	18.00 - 20.00
Oxalic, crystals, bbl. . . . . lb.	.11 - .111	.11 - .111	.101 - .11
Phosphoric, tech., c'by's. . . . . lb.	.081 - .09	.081 - .09	.07 - .071
Sulphuric, 60%, tanks. . . . . ton	10.50 - 11.00	10.50 - 11.00	10.50 - 11.00
Tannic, tech., bbl. . . . . lb.	.35 - .40	.35 - .40	.35 - .40
Tartaric, powd., bbl. . . . . lb.	.36 - .37	.37 - .371	.29 - .30
Tungatic, bbl. . . . . lb.	1.00 - 1.20	1.00 - 1.20	1.00 - 1.20
Alcohol, ethyl, 190 p't. U.S.P. . . . . gal.	3.75 - 4.00	3.75 - 4.00	4.85 - 4.90
Alcohol, Butyl, dr. . . . . lb.	.19 - .201	.191 - .201	.181 - .19
Denatured, 190 proof . . . . . gal.	.48 - . . . .	.48 - . . . .	.31 - . . . .
No. 1 special dr. . . . . gal.	.48 - . . . .	.48 - . . . .	.31 - .32
No. 5, 188 proof, dr. . . . . gal.	.031 - .04	.031 - .04	.031 - .04
Alum, ammonia, lump, bbl. . . . . lb.	.051 - .051	.051 - .051	.051 - .06
Chrome, bbl. . . . . lb.	.021 - .031	.021 - .031	.021 - .031
Potash, lump, bbl. . . . . lb.	.140 - 1.45	1.40 - 1.45	1.40 - 1.45
Aluminum sulphate, com., bags. . . . . cwt.	2.00 - 2.10	2.00 - 2.10	2.00 - 2.10
Iron free, bg. . . . . cwt.	.03 - .04	.021 - .031	.031 - .04
Aqua ammonia, 26%, drums. lb.	.12 - .13	.11 - .15	.13 - .15
Ammonia, anhydrous, cyl. . . . . lb.	.101 - .14	.101 - .14	.11 - .14
Ammonium carbonate, powd. . . . . lb.	2.40 - . . . .	2.40 - . . . .	2.50 - . . . .
Sulphate, wks. . . . . cwt.	1.75 - 2.00	2.15 - 2.20	1.80 - 1.90
Amylacetate tech., drums. . . . . gal.	.15 - .161	.16 - .171	.141 - .15
Antimony Oxide, bbl. . . . . lb.			

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Arsenic, white, powd., bbl. . . . . lb.	\$0.04 - \$0.041	\$0.04 - .041	\$0.031 - .041
Red, powd., kegs. . . . . lb.	.094 - .10	.091 - .10	.11 - .12
Barium carbonate, bbl. . . . . ton	50.00 - 52.00	50.00 - 52.00	48.00 - 50.00
Chloride, bbl. . . . . ton	56.00 - 58.00	58.00 - 60.00	63.00 - 65.00
Nitrate, cask. . . . . lb.	.08 - .081	.08 - .081	.071 - .08
Blanc fixe, dry, bbl. . . . . lb.	.04 - .041	.04 - .041	.04 - .041
Bleaching powder, f.o.b., wks. drums. . . . . cwt.	2.00 - 2.10	2.00 - 2.10	2.00 - 2.10
Borax, bbl. . . . . lb.	.04 - .041	.041 - .05	.05 - .051
Bromine, cs. . . . . lb.	.45 - .47	.45 - .47	.45 - .47
Calcium acetate, bags. . . . . cwt.	3.50 - . . . .	3.50 - . . . .	3.25 - 3.50
Arsenate, dr. . . . . lb.	.071 - .08	.071 - .08	.071 - .08
Carbide drums. . . . . lb.	.05 - .06	.05 - .06	.05 - .06
Chloride, fused, dr., wks. ton	21.00 - . . . .	21.00 - . . . .	21.00 - . . . .
Phosphate, bbl. . . . . lb.	.07 - .071	.07 - .071	.07 - .071
Carbon bisulphide, drums. . . . . lb.	.051 - .06	.051 - .06	.051 - .06
Tetrachloride drums. . . . . lb.	.061 - .07	.061 - .07	.061 - .07
Chlorine, liquid, tanks, wks. lb.	.031 - .041	.04 - .041	.04 - .041
Cylinders. . . . . lb.	.051 - .08	.051 - .08	.051 - .08
Cobalt oxide, cans. . . . . lb.	2.00 - 2.10	2.00 - 2.10	2.10 - 2.25
Copperas, bgs., f.o.b. wks. ton	14.00 - 17.00	14.00 - 17.00	13.00 - 15.00
Copper carbonate, bbl. . . . . lb.	.17 - .171	.17 - .18	.161 - .17
Cyanide, tech., bbl. . . . . lb.	.49 - .50	.49 - .50	.49 - .50
Sulphate, bbl. . . . . cwt.	5.00 - 5.10	5.00 - 5.10	4.90 - 5.00
Cream of tartar, bbl. . . . . lb.	.27 - .28	.271 - .28	.21 - .22
Diethylene glycol, dr. . . . . gal.	.15 - .20	.15 - .20	. . . . .
Epsom salt, dom., tech., bbl. cwt.	1.75 - 2.15	1.75 - 2.00	1.75 - 2.00
Imp., tech., bags. . . . . cwt.	1.15 - 1.25	1.15 - 1.25	1.35 - 1.40
Ethyl acetate, 85%, drums. gal.	.74 - .76	.74 - .76	.74 - .76
Formaldehyde, 40%, bbl. . . . . lb.	.081 - .081	.081 - .11	.09 - .091
Furfural, dr. . . . . lb.	.15 - .171	.15 - .171	.15 - .17
Fusel oil, crude, drums. . . . . gal.	1.30 - 1.40	1.30 - 1.40	1.40 - 1.50
Refined, dr. . . . . gal.	2.50 - 3.00	2.50 - 3.00	2.50 - 3.00
Glauber's salt, bags. . . . . cwt.	1.00 - 1.15	1.00 - 1.10	1.20 - 1.40
Glycerine, e.p., drums, extra. lb.	.211 - .22	.23 - .24	.30 - . . . .
Lead:			
White, basic carbonate, dry, casks. . . . . lb.	.09 - . . . .	.09 - . . . .	.101 - . . . .
White, basic sulphate, sek. lb.	.081 - . . . .	.081 - . . . .	.091 - . . . .
Red, dry, sek. . . . . lb.	.10 - . . . .	.091 - . . . .	.11 - . . . .
Lead acetate, white crys., bbl. lb.	.13 - .131	.13 - .131	.141 - . . . .
Lime, chem., bulk. . . . . ton	.12 - .13	.12 - .13	.14 - .15
Litharge, powd., cask. . . . . lb.	.09 - . . . .	.081 - . . . .	.101 - . . . .
Lithopone, bags. . . . . lb.	.051 - .06	.051 - .06	.051 - .061
Magnesium carb., tech., bags. lb.	.071 - .08	.071 - .08	.061 - .061
Methanol, 95%, dr. . . . . gal.	.53 - .55	.53 - . . . .	.75 - . . . .
97%, dr. . . . . gal.	.55 - . . . .	.55 - . . . .	.77 - . . . .
Nickel salt, double, bbl. . . . . lb.	.10 - .101	.10 - .101	.09 - .10
Single, bbl. . . . . lb.	.101 - .11	.101 - .11	.10 - .11

## Industrial Chemicals (Continued)

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Orange mineral, cas. lb.	\$0.111-	\$0.111-	\$0.131-
Phosphorus, red, cases lb.	.62-\$0.65	.62-\$0.65	.65-\$0.68
Yellow, cases lb.	.32-.33	.32-.34	.33-.34
Potassium bichromate, cas. lb.	.081-.081	.081-.081	.081-.081
Carbonate, 80-85% calc. cas. lb.	.051-.06	.051-.06	.061-.061
Chlorate, powd. lb.	.081-.09	.081-.09	.081-.09
Cyanide, cas. lb.	.55-.57	.55-.58	.55-.57
First sort, cas. lb.	.09-.091	.081-.09	.081-.09
Hydroxide (caustic potash) dr. lb.	.071-.071	.071-.071	.071-.071
Muriate, 80% bags ton	36.40-	36.40-	36.00-
Nitrate, bbl. lb.	.06-.061	.06-.061	.06-.071
Permanganate, drums lb.	.15-.16	.14-.15	.14-.15
Prussiate, yellow, cas. lb.	.18-.19	.181-.19	.18-.19
Sol ammoniac, white, cas. lb.	.05-.051	.051-.061	.051-.06
Salsoda, bbl. cwt.	.90-.95	.90-.95	.90-.95
Salt cake, bulk. ton	17.00-18.00	17.00-18.00	17.00-19.00
Soda ash, light, 58% bags, contract cwt.	1.32-	1.321-	1.38-
Dense, bags cwt.	1.35-	1.371-1.55	1.45-1.55
Soda, caustic, 76% solid, drums, contract cwt.	2.80-3.00	3.00-	3.10-
Acetate, works, bbl. lb.	.041-.051	.041-.05	.041-.05
Bicarbonate, bbl. cwt.	2.00-2.25	2.00-2.25	2.00-2.25
Bichromate, cas. lb.	.061-.061	.061-.061	.061-.061
Bisulphate, bulk. ton	3.00-3.50	5.00-5.50	6.00-7.00
Bisulphite, bbl. lb.	.031-.04	.031-.04	.031-.04
Chlorate, keg. lb.	.061-.061	.061-.061	.061-.061
Chloride, tech. ton	12.00-14.75	12.00-14.75	12.00-14.00
Cyanide, cases, dom. lb.	.18-.22	.18-.22	.19-.22
Fluoride, bbl. lb.	.081-.09	.081-.09	.081-.09
Hyposulphite, bbl. cwt.	2.50-3.00	2.50-3.00	2.65-3.00
Nitrate, bags cwt.	2.40-	2.30-	2.36-
Nitrite, cas. lb.	.081-.081	.081-.081	.081-.09
Phosphate, dibasic, bbl. lb.	.03-.031	.031-.031	.031-.031
Prussiate, yel. drums cwt.	.12-.121	.12-.121	.10-.101
Silicate (30% drums) cwt.	.75-1.15	.75-1.15	.75-1.15
Sulphate, fused, 60-62% dr. lb.	.031-.04	.031-.04	.01-.03
Sulphate, crys. bbl. lb.	.03-.031	.03-.031	.021-.03
Strontium nitrate, bbl. lb.	.09-.091	.081-.09	.081-.09
Sulphur, crude at mine, bulk ton	19.00-	19.00-	19.00-20.00
Chloride, dr. lb.	.04-.05	.04-.05	.05-.051
Dioxide, cyl. lb.	.09-.10	.09-.10	.09-.10
Flour, bag cwt.	2.70-3.00	2.70-3.00	2.70-3.00
Tin bichloride, bbl. lb.	.171-	.171-	.19-
Oxide, bbl. lb.	.64-	.64-	.67-
Crystals, bbl. lb.	.42-	.42-	.48-
Zinc chloride, gran. bbl. lb.	.061-.061	.061-.061	.071-.071
Carbonate, bbl. lb.	.10-.11	.10-.101	.101-.11
Cyanide, dr. lb.	.40-.41	.40-.41	.40-.41
Dust, bbl. lb.	.09-.10	.101-.11	.09-.10
Zinc oxide, lead free, bag. lb.	.061-	.061-	.071-
5% lead sulphate, bags lb.	.061-	.061-	.071-
Sulphate, bbl. cwt.	2.75-3.00	2.75-3.00	2.75-3.00

## Oils and Fats

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Castor oil, No. 3, bbl. lb.	\$0.13-\$0.131	\$0.13-\$0.131	\$0.121-\$0.13
Chinawood oil, bbl. lb.	.151-	.15-	.161-
Cocount oil, Ceylon, tanks, N. Y. lb.	.081-	.081-	.091-
Corn oil crude, tanks, (f.o.b. mill) lb.	.091-	.10-	.101-
Cottonseed oil, crude (f.o.b. mill), tanks lb.	.081-	.091-	.061-
Linseed oil, raw, ear lots, bbl. lb.	.096-	.096-	.107-
Palm, Lagos, cas. lb.	.08-	.071-.08	.081-
Niger, cas. lb.	.071-	.071-.071	.081-
Palm Kernel, bbl. lb.	.09-	.09-	.101-
Peanut oil, crude, tanks (mill) lb.	.091-	.091-	.13-
Perilla, bbl. lb.	.85-	.85-	.84-
Rapeseed oil, refined, bbl. gal.	.85-	.85-	.84-
Sesame, bbl. lb.	.091-	.091-	.101-
Soya bean tank (f.o.b. Coast) lb.	.10-	.091-	.081-
Sulphur (olive foot), bbl. lb.	.63-.62	.63-.64	.60-.65
Cod, Newfoundland, bbl. gal.	.60-.66	.60-.62	.65-.68
Menhaden, light pressed, bbl. gal.	.44-	.45-	.45-
Crude, tanks (f.o.b. factory) gal.	.44-	.45-	.45-
Whale, crude, tanks lb.	.061-	.061-	.081-
Grease, yellow, loose lb.	.121-	.121-	.121-
Oleo stearine lb.	.091-.091	.091-.10	.10-.101
Red oil, distilled, d.p. bbl. lb.	.081-	.08-	.071-
Tallow, extra, loose lb.	.081-	.08-	.071-

## Coal-Tar Products

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Alpha-naphthol, crude, bbl. lb.	\$0.60-\$0.65	\$0.60-\$0.65	\$0.60-\$0.62
Refined, bbl. lb.	.85-.90	.85-.90	.85-.90
Alpha-naphthylamine, bbl. lb.	.35-.36	.35-.36	.35-.36
Aniline oil, drums, extra lb.	.15-.16	.15-.16	.16-.161
Aniline salts, bbl. lb.	.24-.25	.24-.25	.22-.231
Anthracene, 80% drums lb.	.60-.65	.60-.65	.60-.651
Benzaldehyde, U.S.P., dr. lb.	1.15-1.25	1.15-\$1.35	1.30-1.35
Benzidine base, bbl. lb.	.70-.72	.70-.75	.72-.74
Benzoic acid, U.S.P., kgs. lb.	.58-.60	.58-.60	.56-.60
Benzyl chloride, tech. dr. lb.	.25-.26	.25-.26	.25-.26
Benzol, 90% tanks, works gal.	.24-.25	.24-.25	.24-.25
Beta-naphthol, tech. drums lb.	.22-.24	.22-.24	.22-.24
Cresol, U.S.P., dr. lb.	.18-.20	.18-.20	.18-.20
Cresylic acid, 97% dr. wks gal.	.61-.62	.61-.62	.60-.65
Diethylaniline, dr. lb.	.58-.60	.58-.60	.58-.60
Dinitrophenol, bbl. lb.	.31-.35	.31-.33	.31-.35
Dinitrotoluen, bbl. lb.	.17-.18	.17-.18	.18-.20
Dip oil, 25% dr. gal.	.28-.30	.28-.30	.28-.30
Diphenylamine, bbl. lb.	.45-.47	.45-.47	.48-.50
H-acid, bbl. lb.	.63-.65	.63-.65	.65-.66
Naphthalene, flake, bbl. lb.	.041-.05	.041-.05	.061-.07
Nitrobenzene, dr. lb.	.09-.10	.09-.10	.09-.10

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Para-nitraniline, bbl. lb.	\$0.52-\$0.53	\$0.52-\$0.53	\$0.50-\$0.53
Para-nitrotoluene, bbl. lb.	.28-.32	.28-.32	.40-.42
Phenol, U.S.P., drums lb.	.18-.19	.18-.19	.17-.18
Picric acid, bbl. lb.	.30-.40	.30-.40	.25-.26
Pyridine, dr. lb.	3.00-	3.00-	3.90-4.00
R-salt, bbl. lb.	.47-.50	.47-.50	.50-.55
Resorcinol, tech. keg. lb.	1.30-1.35	1.35-1.40	1.30-1.40
Salicylic acid, tech. bbl. lb.	.30-.32	.30-.32	.32-.33
Solvent naphtha, w.w., tanks gal.	.35-.95	.35-.95	.35-.95
Tolidine, bbl. lb.	.95-.95	.95-.96	.90-.95
Toluene, tanks, works gal.	.35-	.35-	.35-
Xylene, com., tanks gal.	.36-.41	.36-.41	.36-.40

## Miscellaneous

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Barytes, grd., white, bbl. ton	\$23.00-\$25.00	\$23.00-\$25.00	\$23.00-\$25.00
Casein, tech. bbl. lb.	.171-.18	.17-.18	.16-.17
China clay, dom. f.o.b. mine ton	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00
Dry colors:			
Carbon gas, black (wks.) lb.	.061-.07	.061-.07	.08-.081
Prussian blue, bbl. lb.	.33-.34	.33-.34	.32-.33
Ultramarine blue, bbl. lb.	.08-.35	.08-.35	.08-.35
Chrome green, bbl. lb.	.27-.31	.27-.30	.28-.30
Carmine red, tins lb.	5.50-5.75	5.50-5.75	5.10-5.85
Para toner lb.	.80-.90	.80-.90	.90-.95
Vermilion, English, bbl. lb.	1.80-1.85	1.80-1.85	1.45-1.50
Chrome yellow, C. P., bbl. lb.	.17-.18	.17-.18	.171-.18
Feldspar, No. 1 (f.o.b. N. C.) ton	5.75-7.00	5.75-7.00	6.00-6.50
Graphite, Ceylon, lump, bbl. lb.	.071-.08	.071-.091	.09-.10
Gum copal, Congo, bags lb.	.091-.10	.091-.10	.091-.10
Manila, bags lb.	.15-.18	.15-.16	.14-.10
Damar, Batavia, cases lb.	.25-.251	.25-.26	.25-.25
Kauri, No. 1 cases lb.	.55-.57	.55-.57	.58-.62
Kieselguhr (f.o.b. N. Y.) ton	50.00-55.00	50.00-55.00	50.00-55.00
Magnesite, calc. ton	44.00-	44.00-	38.00-42.00
Pumice stone, lump, bbl. lb.	.05-.07	.05-.08	.041-.06
Imported, cas. lb.	.03-.40	.03-.40	.03-.35
Rosin, H. bbl. lb.	8.00-	8.35-	13.50-
Turpentine gal.	.56-	.491-	.87-
Shellac, orange, fine, bags lb.	.59-.61	.52-.53	.48-.50
Bleached, bonedry, bags lb.	.62-.65	.55-.58	.52-.54
T. N. bags lb.	.55-.56	.48-.49	.43-.44
Soapstone (f.o.b. Vt.), bags ton	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-11.00
Talc, 200 mesh (f.o.b. Vt.) ton	10.50-	10.50-	10.50-
200 mesh (f.o.b. Ga.) ton	7.50-10.00	7.50-10.00	7.50-11.00
325 mesh (f.o.b. N. Y.) ton	13.75-	13.75-	14.75-.1
Wax, Bayberry, bbl. lb.	\$0.22-\$0.26	\$0.22-\$0.26	\$0.20-\$0.21
Beeswax, ref., light lb.	.43-.45	.43-.47	.46-.47
Candelilla, bags lb.	.27-.28	.27-.28	.36-.37
Carnauba, No. 1, bags lb.	.62-.62	.62-.62	.62-.62
Paraffine, crude 105-110 m.p. lb.	.051-.06	.051-.06	.051-.06

## Ferro-Alloys

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Ferrotitanium, 15-18% ton	\$200.00-	\$200.00-	\$200.00-
Ferrocobalt, 1-2% lb.	.23-.25	.23-.35	.23-
Ferromanganese, 75-82% ton	90.00-	90.00-	88.00-90.00
Spiegelisen, 19-21% ton	33.00-35.00	33.00-35.00	33.00-34.00
Ferrosilicon, 10-12% ton	33.00-38.00	33.00-38.00	33.00-38.00
Ferrotungsten, 70-80% lb.	.95-1.00	.95-1.00	1.05-1.10
Ferro-uranium, 35-50% lb.	4.50-	4.50-	4.50-
Ferrovanadium, 30-40% lb.	3.15-3.75	3.15-4.00	3.25-3.75

## Non-Ferrous Metals

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Copper, electrolytic lb.	\$0.131-	\$0.131-	\$0.141-
Aluminum, 96-99% lb.	.25-.26	.26-.27	.27-.28
Antimony, Chin. and Jap. lb.	.11-.121	.12-.121	.151-.16
Nickel, 99% lb.	.35-	.35-	.35-
Monel metal, blocks lb.	.32-.33	.32-.33	.32-.33
Tin, 5-ton lots, Straits lb.	.581-	.561-	.641-
Lead, New York, spot lb.	6.50-	6.25-	8.40-
Zinc, New York, spot lb.	6.15-	5.95-	7.65-
Silver, commercial oz.	.571-	.571-	.631-
Cadmium lb.	.60-	.60-	.60-
Bismuth, ton lots lb.	1.85-2.10	1.85-2.00	2.70-2.75
Cobalt lb.	2.50-	2.50-	3.00-
Magnesium, ingots, 99% lb.	.75-.80	.75-.80	.75-.80
Platinum, ref. oz.	66.00-	72.00-	111.00-
Palladium, ref. oz.	52.00-53.00	53.00-54.00	69.00-71.00
Mercury, flask lb.	128.00-	127.00-	99.50-
Tungsten powder lb.	1.05-1.15	1.05-	1.10-

## Ores and Semi-finished Products

	Current Price	Last Month	Last Year
Bauxite, crushed, wks. ton	\$5.50-\$8.50	\$5.50-\$8.50	\$5.50-\$8.75
Chrome ore, c.f. post. ton	22.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	22.00-23.00
Coke, fdry., f.o.b. ovens ton	3.75-4.25	3.75-4.25	3.75-4.25
Fluorspar, gravel, f.o.b. Ill. ton	17.00-18.00	17.00-	18.00-
Ilmenite, 52% TiO <sub>2</sub> , Va. lb.	.001-.001	.001-.001	.011-
Manganese ore, 50% Mn, c.f. Atlantic Ports unit	.36-.38	.36-.38	.40-.42
Molybdenite, 85% MoS <sub>2</sub> per lb. MoS <sub>2</sub> , N. Y. lb.	.48-.50	.48-.50	.65-.701
Monazite, 6% of ThO <sub>2</sub> ton	120.00-	120.00-	120.00-
Pyrites, Span. fines, c.f. unit	.131-	.131-	.131-
Rutile, 94-96% TiO <sub>2</sub> lb.	.11-.13	.11-.13	.12-.151
Tungsten, scheelite, 60% WO <sub>3</sub> and over unit	10.35-10.60	11.25-11.50	12.50-13.00
Vanadium ore, per lb. V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> lb.	.25-.28	.25-.30	.30-.35
Zircon, 99% lb.	.03-	.03-	.03-



# CURRENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

## New Construction and Machinery Requirements

**Aluminum Foundry**—Advance Pattern & Foundry Co., 2734 West 36th Pl., Chicago, Ill., will soon award contract for a 1 and 2 story, 125 x 365 ft. aluminum foundry at 36th Pl. and California Ave. Estimated cost \$125,000. A. A. Wickland & Co., 5 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., are engineers.

**Ammonia Plant**—National Ammonia Co., 3600 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo., awarded contract for a 1 story, 76 x 150 ft. addition to ammonia plant at 1 Destrehan St., to A. H. Haeseler Building & Construction Co., 620 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Estimated cost \$40,000.

**Barium Sulphate Plant**—The Sudbury Basin Co., Port Arthur, Ont., has acquired barium sulphate deposits at Jarvis Island, about forty miles from Port Arthur, Ont. and plans the construction of a plant. The material is to be used in conjunction with zinc for the manufacture of lithophone. Estimated cost \$100,000.

**Brewery**—Hofer Brewing Co., Royal Bank Bldg., Windsor, Ont., awarded contract for a 4 story, 90 x 160 ft. brewery at La Salle, Ont., to Gosselin Construction Co., 120 Partington Ave., Sandwich, Ont. Estimated cost \$150,000.

**Brick and Tile Plant Equipment**—American Brick Co. Inc., Nassar Bldg., McAllen, Tex., prices and catalogs on complete equipment including power shovel, gasoline driven, oil storage tank, etc. for proposed brick and tile plant at Rio Grande, Tex. Estimated cost \$75,000.

**Candy Factory**—Schutter-Johnson Candy Co., 20 North Jefferson St., Chicago, Ill., is receiving bids for a 3 and 4 story, 38 x 300 ft. candy factory at Augusta and Cicero Aves. Estimated cost \$300,000. A. Epstein, 2001 West Pershing Rd., Chicago, Ill., is architect.

**Carbon Dioxide Plant**—Dry Ice Co. of America, 50 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y., plans the construction of a plant for the manufacture of solid carbon-dioxide to replace water ice for refrigeration at Elizabeth, N. J. Estimated cost including equipment, \$300,000. Pumps, blowers, tanks, etc. will be required.

**Cement Plant**—California Cement Assn., c/o Chamber of Commerce, Port Aransas, Tex., has acquired a site and plans the construction of a cement plant. Estimated cost \$2,500,000.

**Cement Plant**—Carney Cement Co., Mankato, Minn., is having plans prepared for a 2 story, 40 x 130 ft. cement plant. Estimated cost \$125,000. G. Pass & Son, Mankato, Minn., are architects.

**Cement Plant**—Pacific Coast Co., L. C. Smith Bldg., Seattle, Wash., will build a cement plant, 1,000,000 bbls. annual capacity. Estimated cost \$3,000,000.

**Cement Plant Addition**—Canada Cement Co. Ltd., Phillips Sq., Montreal, Que., plans addition to cement plant at Winnipeg, Man. Estimated cost \$500,000. Equipment will be required.

**Cement Products Plant**—Semloh Construction Co., Kings Highway, Brooklyn, N. Y., plans the construction of a cement products plant at 69th St. and Ave. Y. Estimated cost to exceed \$40,000. Architect not selected.

**Chemical Plant**—Charles Lennig Co. Inc., Richmond and Kennedy Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., awarded contract for a 1 and 3 story, 45 x 91 ft. chemical plant to A. R. Raft, 1635 Thompson St., Philadelphia, Pa.

**Chemical Plant**—Neville Chemical Co., Neville Island, Pittsburgh, Pa., awarded contract for a 1 story chemical plant to The Austin Co., Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Estimated cost \$50,000.

**Chemical Plant**—Oelwein Chemical Co., E. Rhine, Mgr., Oelwein, Ia., is having revised plans prepared for a 4 story, chemical plant. Estimated cost \$45,000. R. F. Moore, 1111-13 Merchants National Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia., is architect.

**Chemical Factory**—Sand Springs Chemical Co., Sand Springs, Okla., c/o O. V. Martin and W. H. Colvin, Jr., 39 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., is having surveys made for the construction of a factory for

reclamation of various chemicals from oil brines. Estimated cost \$600,000. Equipment will be required.

**Chemical Plant**—Smith Agricultural Chemical Co., 1850 Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., will build a chemical plant. Estimated cost \$40,000. Private plans.

**Chemical Factory**—E. R. Squibb & Sons, 80 Beekman St., New York, N. Y., will soon award contract for a 12 story, 98 x 164 ft. chemical factory at Columbia Heights and Doughty St. Estimated cost \$500,000. R. G. Carey, 30 Church St., New York, N. Y., is architect.

**Chemical Plant**—Tacoma Electrochemical Co., Wilmington, Del., c/o Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co., Widener Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., had preliminary plans prepared for the construction of a plant for the manufacture of liquid chlorine and caustic soda, etc. at Tacoma, Wash.

**Chemical Plant**—Western Industries Co., 110 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif., had plans prepared for a 5 story plant for the manufacture of acetic acid, wood alcohol and charcoal at Stege, Calif. Estimated cost \$250,000. Private plans.

**Chemical Products Plant**—E. I. duPont de Nemours, Hamilton Ave., Flint, Mich., awarded contract for a 2 story, 45 x 85 ft. chemical products plant on St. John St. to W. E. Wood Co., 1805 Ford Bldg., Detroit, Mich. Estimated cost \$50,000.

**Chemical Process Plant**—Grasselli Chemical Co., Guardian Bldg., Cleveland, O., awarded contract for a 1 story, 65 x 126 ft. chemical process plant on Independence Rd. to Forest City Structural Steel Co., West 110th St., Cleveland, O. Estimated cost \$60,000.

**Chemistry Building**—Bd. of Trustees, Ohio State University, C. E. Steele, Secy., Columbus, O., is having plans prepared for a 5 story, 84 x 150 ft. addition to chemistry building on Campus. Estimated cost \$290,000. J. N. Bradford, c/o owner, is architect.

**Chemistry Building**—University of Indiana, W. L. Bryan, Pres., Bloomington, Ind., is having plans prepared for a 2 story chemistry building. Estimated cost \$200,000. Daggett & Hibben, 922 Continental Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind., are architects.

**Coke Plant**—Hamilton By-Product Coke Co., 15 Main St. E., Hamilton, Ont., awarded contract for the construction of a coke plant to Semet-Solvay Engineering Co., 40 Rector St., New York, N. Y. Estimated cost \$400,000.

**Compressed Gas Plant**—Linde Air Products Co., 803 East 72nd St., Cleveland, O., plans the construction of a 1 story compressed gas plant at 13th St. N.E., Canton, O. Estimated cost \$100,000.

**Cresoting Plant**—Republic Cresoting Co., 736 North Miami St., Indianapolis, Ind., awarded contract for the construction of a cresoting plant. Estimated cost \$40,000.

**Dyeing and Cleaning Plant**—Star Dyeing & Cleaning Co., 2515 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., awarded contract for a 2 story, 74 x 91 ft. dyeing and cleaning plant at 2515-21 North Grand Blvd. to Mississippi Valley Construction Co., 801 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo. Estimated cost \$60,000.

**Enameling Plant**—Chrysler Corp., 341 Massachusetts Ave., Detroit, Mich., plans the construction of a 1 and 2 story, 60 x 400 ft. enameling plant for automobile factory on East Jefferson Ave. Enameling tanks and handling equipment will be required.

**Feldspar Plant**—C. B. Hyatt, Asheville, N. C. and other North Carolina and New York interests, plan the construction of a feldspar plant for mining and milling feldspar on Black Mountain Ry. at Bowditch, near Burnsville, N. C. Estimated cost \$500,000. J. L. Hyatt, Burnsville, N. C. and J. F. Shinn, Norwood, N. C., are also interested.

**Fig Preserving Plant**—Tyrell-Garth Bros., Elena, Tex., plans the erection and equipping of fig preserving plant. Estimated cost \$18,000.

**Fig Preserving and Products Plant**—F. H. & H. F. Thaman & Associates, Atla Loma, Tex., recently organized, plans the construction of a fig preserving and products plant. Estimated cost including equipment \$50,000.

**Fig Products Plant**—Magnolia Fig Products Co., c/o T. C. Edwards, Alvin, Tex., plans extensions and improvements to fig products plant to increase capacity. Estimated cost \$100,000. Machinery and equipment will be required.

**Gas Compressing Plant, Gas Tank, Etc.**—C. E. Evans, City Comr. with supervision of Duluth Water & Light Dept., Duluth, Minn., plans a \$500,000 program to include erection of 3,000,000 cu.ft. gas tank, and gas compressing plant for 1928, \$340,000, also 1,000,000 cu.ft. gas holder, etc. in eastern section of city for 1931, \$140,000. Engineering forces of Duluth Water & Light Dept. will prepare plans.

**Galvanizing Works**—Thomas Gregory Galvanizing Works, 263 North Henry St., Long Island City, N. Y., awarded contract for the construction of galvanizing works at Grand Ave. and 149th St. to The Austin Co., 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Estimated cost \$60,000.

**Glass Factory**—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., plans the construction of a glass factory at Los Angeles, Calif. Estimated cost \$40,000. Architect and engineer not selected.

**Laboratory**—Antioch College, A. E. Morgan, Pres., Yellow Springs, O., plans the construction of a laboratory. Estimated cost \$300,000. Architect not selected.

**Laboratory**—Combustion Utilities Corp., 60 Wall St., New York, N. Y., awarded contract for the construction of a 1 story, 50 x 125 ft. laboratory at Linden, N. J. to The Austin Co., 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Estimated cost \$40,000.

**Laboratory**—The Keyes Fibre Co., Waterville, Me., awarded contract for a 2 story, 86 x 156 ft. laboratory to Morton C. Tuttle Co., 862 Park Sq. Bldg., Boston, Mass.

**Laboratory**—Mott & White, 527 North Charles, Baltimore, Md., Archts., will receive bids about Dec. 12 for a 3 story laboratory at 1023 North Charles St. for Hynson, Westcott, Dunning, Eutaw Pl. and North Ave., Baltimore, Md. Estimated cost \$60,000.

**Laboratory**—State of Connecticut, F. L. Salmon, State Comptroller, State House, Hartford, Conn., awarded contract for a 3 story, 60 x 110 and 60 x 220 ft. laboratory at Storrs, Conn. for Connecticut Agricultural College to Charles Smith & Sons, Inc., 254 Main St., Derby, Conn. Estimated cost \$354,000.

**Laboratory Equipment**—Evansville College, R. E. Robb, Prof. of Civil Engineering, Evansville, Ind., prices and catalogs on complete equipment for proposed testing laboratory.

**Laboratory, Etc.**—Bureau of Yards & Docks, Navy Dept., Washington D. C., will receive bids until January 18, for the construction of a laboratory at Naval Operating Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

**Laboratory (Pathological)**—The University Hospitals, Assn., F. A. Scott, Pres., c/o Warner & Swasey Co., 5701 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, O., will soon award contract for a 5 story, 57 x 160 ft. pathological laboratory on Adelbert Rd. Estimated cost \$750,000. A. Garfield, National City Bldg., Cleveland, O., is architect.

**Laboratories**—University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., awarded contract for a 2 story science hall including laboratories, etc. at Martin, Tenn. to N. B. Williams, Martin, Tenn., also had plans prepared for a group of college buildings including laboratories, at Union and Madison Entrances, Memphis, Tenn. Estimated cost \$69,653 and \$400,000 respectively. Jones & Furbringer, Porter Bldg., Memphis, Tenn., are architects.

**Lignite By-Products Plant**—Texas Natural Resources Corp., c/o W. Clifford, 565 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., has acquired more than 5,000 acres in Panola county near Marshall, Tex., as a site for a plant for

the manufacture of lignite by-products, coke specialties, etc. Estimated cost including equipment \$1,000,000.

**Lime Plant**—Diamond Springs Lime Co., c/o H. C. Smith, Humboldt Bank Bldg., San Francisco, Calif., Archt., is having plans prepared for the construction of a lime plant at Diamond Springs, Calif. Estimated cost \$400,000.

**Magnesia Factory**—Norristown Magnesia & Asbestos Co., Norristown, Pa., plans the construction of a 1 story, 115 x 280 ft. factory and warehouse. Estimated cost \$100,000. Private plans.

**Milk Powder, Etc.**—Dairy Corp., c/o M. Turnet, Chn., Marshall, Tex., having preliminary plans prepared for a factory for the manufacture of butter, buttermilk powder and skim milk powder, 80,000 lb. milk daily capacity. Estimated cost including equipment \$125,000. F. H. Douthitt Engineering Co., 139 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill., is engineer.

**Milk Products Plant**—Shelbyville Milk Products Co., Shelbyville, Ind., awarded contract for a 4 story, 50 x 160 ft. milk products plant to H. O. Phares, Shelbyville, Ind. Estimated cost \$40,000.

**Oil Blending Plant**—Forbush Fuel & Ice Co., 100 North Grand Ave., Pueblo, Colo., will build a 2 story, 30 x 40 ft. oil blending plant. Estimated cost \$43,000. Architect and engineer not selected. Tanks, blending kettles, etc. will be required.

**Oil Products Plant**—American Oil Products Co., 230 Milk St., Boston, Mass., had plans prepared for a 1 story, 55 x 135 ft. addition to oil products plant on Washington St., Somerville, Mass. Monks & Johnson, 99 Chauncy St., Boston, are engineers.

**Paint, Enamel, Calcium Chloride, Etc.**—State Highway Commission, Ames, Ia., will receive bids until Dec. 27 for rail paint, bridge paint, equipment enamel, paving center line marking paint, calcium chloride, etc.

**Paint Factory Addition**—J. B. Sipe Co., Bridgeville, Pa., awarded contract for a 1 story, 50 x 82 ft. addition to paint factory to The Austin Co., Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Estimated cost \$40,000.

**Paint and Varnish Factory Addition**—Devco & Reynolds, 825 West Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill., awarded contract for a 4 story, 75 x 75 ft. addition to paint and varnish factory to Jacob Rodatz, 209 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

**Paperboard Mill**—Canadian Paperboard Co., H. O. 2 Leigneurs St., Montreal, Que., awarded contract for a paperboard mill including a 2 story, 85 x 85 ft. heater building, 1 story, 100 x 108 ft. finishing room, etc. at Toronto, Ont. to W. J. Trimble, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ont. Estimated cost \$1,000,000. Breaker heater, pumps, motors, etc. will be required.

**Paper Plant Addition**—Consolidated Paper Co., Monroe, Mich., plans the construction of a 3 story, 200 x 700 ft. addition to paper plant on First St. Estimated cost \$500,000. Private plans.

**Patent Leather Factory**—E. H. Merrill, Winchester, Mass. and H. P. Peterson, Woburn, Mass., will build a 2 story patent leather factory at North Woburn, Mass. Estimated cost \$100,000. Private plans. Work will be done by separate contracts.

**Porcelain Plant**—National Porcelain Enameling & Foundry Co., 718 Farhill Ave., Dayton, O., awarded contract for a 1 story, 56 x 160 ft. porcelain plant on Freeland Ave., Detroit, Mich. to Cooper-Little Co., 844 Macabees Bldg., Detroit, Mich. Estimated cost \$50,000.

**Refinery (Oil)**—Shell Union Oil Corp., 65 Broadway, New York, N. Y., has acquired a site and plans the construction of an oil refinery at Port Arthur, Tex. Private plans.

**Refinery (Oil and Gasoline)**—Dixon Creek Oil Co., Borger, Tex., plans to rebuild oil and gasoline refinery recently destroyed by fire. Estimated cost \$150,000. Private plans. Machinery and equipment will be required.

**Refractory Plant**—Harbison-Walker Refractories, J. E. Lewis, Pres., Pittsburgh, Pa., plans the construction of a refractory plant at Patapsco Ave. and 9th St., Baltimore, Md. Estimated cost \$1,000,000. Architect and engineer not selected.

**Rubber Factory**—Manhattan Rubber Mfg. Co., Willett St., Passaic N. J., will build a 1 story, 50 x 120 ft. rubber factory on Van Houten Ave. Estimated cost \$40,000. Private plans.

**Rubber Factory**—Panco Rubber Co., 31 Highland St., Chelsea, Mass., had plans prepared for a 1 story, 90 x 100 ft. addition to rubber factory. Schein & Levine, 448 Broadway, Chelsea, Mass., are architects.

**Rubber Factory**—Puritan Rubber Co., J. Flynn, Mgr., Ft. Perrine Ave., Trenton, N. J., will soon receive bids for a 1 story rubber factory. Estimated cost \$30,000. L. S. Kaplan, Montgomery and Hanover Sts., are architects.

**Rubber Factory**—WearTex Rubber Co., S. Schwaber, Pres., Trenton, N. J., plans the construction of a 2 story plant for the manufacture of rubber heels, soles, etc. at 3210-22 Philadelphia Ave., Baltimore, Md.

**Rubber Factory Addition**—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., New Toronto, Ont., will soon award contract for the construction of a 4 story, 100 x 125 ft. addition to rubber factory at Lake Shore Rd. Estimated cost \$175,000. Private plans.

**Smelter**—Flin Flon Mining Co., Mining Corp. of Canada, Winnipeg, Man., plans the construction of a smelter capable of treating 3,000 ton of ore per day, also water power development, ultimately producing 270,000 hp.

**Soap Factory**—A. B. Wrisley Co., 529 South Franklin St., Chicago, Ill., awarded contract for the construction of a 1 story, 120 x 250 ft. soap factory at West 65th St. and Oak Park Ave. to Folts & Co., 510 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

**Soap and Soda**—Depot Quartermaster, Marine Corp., Philadelphia, Pa., will receive bids until Dec. 21 for 36,000 lbs. of caustic soda, 500 lbs. automobile soap, 2,400 lbs. castile soap, 5,000 cans mechanical hand soap, 5,000 lbs. grit soap, 1,600 lbs. white floating soap and 10,000 lbs. laundry soap. Schedule 297.

**Soda Ash**—City of Oklahoma City, Okla., is in the market for one carload of soda ash for water department.

**Sugar Mill**—Southern Sugar Co., B. G. Dahlberg, Chicago, Ill., Pres., has work under way on the construction of first unit of 6,000 ton sugar mill at Clewiston, Fla.

**Sulphate of Alumina, Portland Cement, Etc.**—City of Minneapolis, Minn., will receive bids about Jan. 1 for about 3,000 tons of sulphate of alumina, for filter plant.

**Tannery**—Bay State Leather & Tanning Co., Haverhill, Mass., awarded contract for a 1 story, 60 x 270 ft. tannery on Cross St., Woburn, Mass. to D. McLaughlin & Son, 35 Hudson St., Woburn, Mass.

**White Lead**—Quartermaster Corps, Miller Field, Staten Island, N. Y., will receive bids until Dec. 15 for 2,000 lbs. white lead. Circular 23.

**Yeast Factory**—Northwestern Yeast Co., 1750 North Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill., will soon award contract for a 2 and 7 story, 100 x 173 ft. yeast factory. Zimmerman, Saxe & Zimmerman, 212 East Superior St., Chicago, Ill., are architects.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES

THE STATEN ISLAND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, which for more than a quarter of a century has been active in building commercial ships on the Atlantic Coast, has formed a division for the manufacture of heat transfer apparatus to be known as Heat Transfer Products, Inc. These products are not a new line with the company, as this type of equipment has been manufactured at the plant for more than thirty years. The line consists of equipment including water storage heaters, feed water heaters, bleeder heaters, waste heat exchangers, preheaters, condensers, evaporators, brine coolers, oil heaters, oil coolers, humidifiers, tanks, piping, including bends of all materials, pumps, fabricated plate ware and galvanized products. The personnel of Heat Transfer Products, Inc., consists of William J. Davidson, chairman of the board, George T. Jacobs, president and general manager, Sylvan J. Crooker, vice-president in charge of engineering, Walter S. Ogilvy, vice-president in charge of manufacture and secretary and George H. Bates as treasurer. The main plant of the company is located at Mariners Harbor, Staten Island, N. Y.

HERRBERT R. ISENBURGER, INC., successor to Bondi & Isenburger, Inc., 63 Park Row, New York, has established an industrial X-ray service for research and analysis of materials, with Dr. Ancel St. John supervising all laboratory investigations.

THE W. B. CONNOR CO., INC., New York, has acquired the rights, patents and interests in the Shortt pumping trap from the Stebbins Engineering and Manufacturing Company.

THE COCHRANE CORPORATION announces the appointment of Cochrane Sales Company, Inc., Room 1478, 50 Church Street, New York, N. Y., as its representative for the sale of Cochrane equipment, succeeding F. E. Idel, deceased.

THE COOPER HEWITT ELECTRIC COMPANY opened its new office and factory building at 410 Eighth Street, Hoboken, N. J., December 8, on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

HAZARD WIRE ROPE COMPANY, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has acquired the wire rope division of the Waterbury Company in New York.

THE TACOMA ELECTROCHEMICAL COMPANY, Tacoma, Wash., was organized at Wilmington, Del., in November for the purpose of building and operating a chemical plant to produce liquid chlorine and caustic soda. Other products will be manufactured later. The Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia holds all of the capital stock and will provide funds for construction and operation. It is expected

that the plant will be in operation in the Spring of 1928.

THE GILBY WIRE COMPANY has moved to its new plant on Riverside Ave., Newark, N. J.

MITSUBI AND COMPANY, LTD., has moved its uptown office to 180 Madison Ave., New York City.

THE PITTSBURGH VALVE, FOUNDRY AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY announces the addition of Robert Whyte to its sales staff.

THE STOCKHAM PIPE AND FITTINGS COMPANY, Birmingham, Ala., announces the reorganization of its executive personnel as follows: Douglas W. Stockham, vice-president in charge of sales; Roy L. Stewart, manager of sales; Harry L. Hall, advertising and sales promotion manager; Germer Petesch, manager of the Chicago warehouse; H. G. Farnum, manager of the Boston warehouse and Irving Lyon, manager of the steel sales promotion department. With the exception of Mr. Petesch and Mr. Farnum, all of the above mentioned are at Birmingham.

THE NIAGARA BLOWER COMPANY, Buffalo, N. Y., announces the appointment of Henry E. Jacoby, 95 Liberty St., New York, as its Eastern sales representative.

THE NATIONAL MAGNESIA MANUFACTURING COMPANY announces the removal of its general offices to its factory at Redwood City, Calif.

THE BAILEY METER COMPANY announces the removal of its main offices and works to its new plant at 1050 Ivanhoe Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE GENERAL CERAMICS COMPANY, New York, announces the opening of a district sales office at 208 So. LaSalle Street, Chicago, in charge of Robert S. Beecher.

F. J. RYAN AND COMPANY, at the last directors' meeting changed the company's name to Ryan, Scully & Company. The changed name does not mean a change in the policies, control or financial position of the organization, but is purely an indication of the active participation that is being taken in the company's affairs by A. C. Scully.

The Security Grating Department of the BLAW-KNOX COMPANY announces the appointment of the following distributors for Blaw-Knox security open flooring, electro-forged grating and steps: Worden-Allen Company, Milwaukee, Wis.; Wilson-Weesner-Wilkinson Company, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Jas. A. Hall, 1525 Esperson Bldg., Houston, Texas.

THE STRUTHERS-WELLS COMPANY, Warren, Pa., has appointed H. W. How as consulting engineer.



## Pipe joint engineering — not a profession but a function★

**P**OWER PLANT engineers are becoming more favorable in their attitude toward oxwelded headers. They realize that in the present day installations, where higher pressures and much higher temperature are the governing factors, they must find a type of joint that will eliminate all possible hazard from leaks or breaks. The oxwelded joint is now offering these desirable and necessary characteristics.

There are several obvious reasons for this. For instance, the first cost. Suppose we take as an example a ten-inch high-pressure header, thirty feet long, with six outlets varying from five to eight inches. With flanged joints and extra heavy cast steel fittings, such a header will cost approximately three times as much as a header having welded joints, welded outlets and a welded drip.

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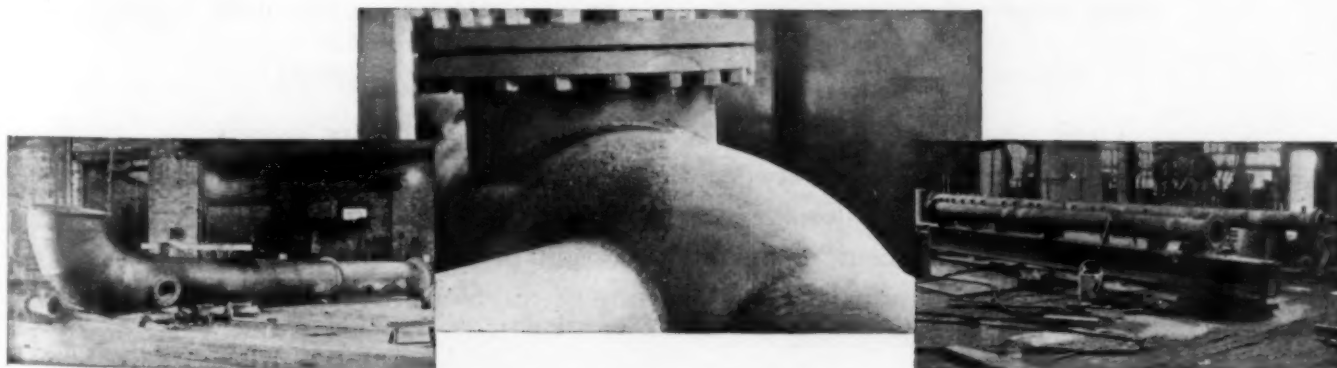
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Boiling Point	134.8°C	Acidity	None
Boiling Range	Initial 128°C	Specific Gravity	0.927—0.933
	Dry Point 137°C	Weight per gallon	7.8
Dilution Ratio	6.25 volumes of Toluene (10% cotton solution)		

Cellosolve is the most powerful nitrocellulose solvent commercially available. Its lack of odor makes it particularly valuable in the manufacture of brushing lacquers, architectural lacquers and lacquers for natural or artificial leathers.

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Boiling Point	154°C	Acidity	Not more than 0.01% (as acetic)
Boiling Range	Initial 140°C	Specific Gravity	0.973—0.982
	Dry Point 165°C	Weight per gallon	8.1
Dilution Ratio	2.6 volumes of Toluene (10% cotton solution)		

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Boiling Point	170.6°C	Acidity	None
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Fig. 52072, Sectional

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Fig. 52072, Globe      Fig. 52073, Angle

**PRICE LIST—SIGNALLOY**

Size	Material	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"
Fig. 52072, Globe	Brass	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	10.00
Fig. 52073, Angle	Brass	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	10.00
Fig. 52074, Union	Brass	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	10.00

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Fig. 52073, Angle	Brass	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	10.00	15.00	25.00
Fig. 52074, Union	Brass	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	10.00	15.00	25.00

**PRICE LIST—IRON SEAT WRENCH**

Size	Material	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"
Fig. 52075, Wrench	Iron	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	10.00

**DIMENSIONS**

Size	Material	1/2"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"
End to End Globe Valve	Brass	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"	7 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/2"	12 1/2"	15 1/2"	20 1/2"
End to End Angle Valve	Brass	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"	7 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/2"	12 1/2"	15 1/2"	20 1/2"
End to End Union	Brass	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"	7 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/2"	12 1/2"	15 1/2"	20 1/2"
End to End Flanged	Brass	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"	7 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/2"	12 1/2"	15 1/2"	20 1/2"
End to End Flanged	Iron	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"	7 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/2"	12 1/2"	15 1/2"	20 1/2"
End to End Flanged	Steel	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"	7 1/2"	8 1/2"	10 1/2"	12 1/2"	15 1/2"	20 1/2"

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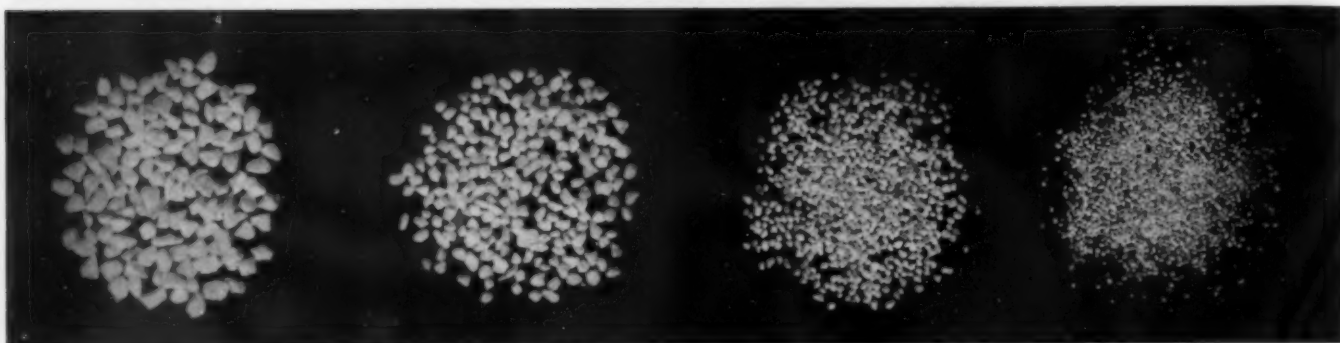
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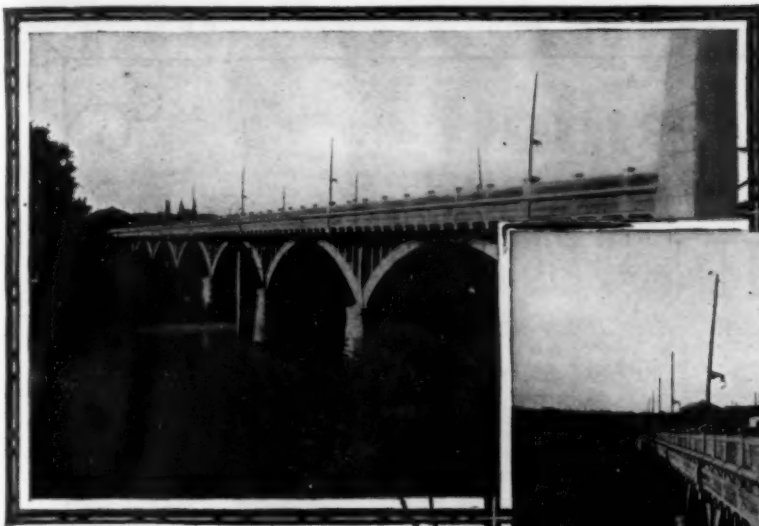
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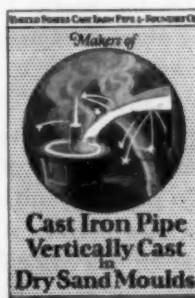
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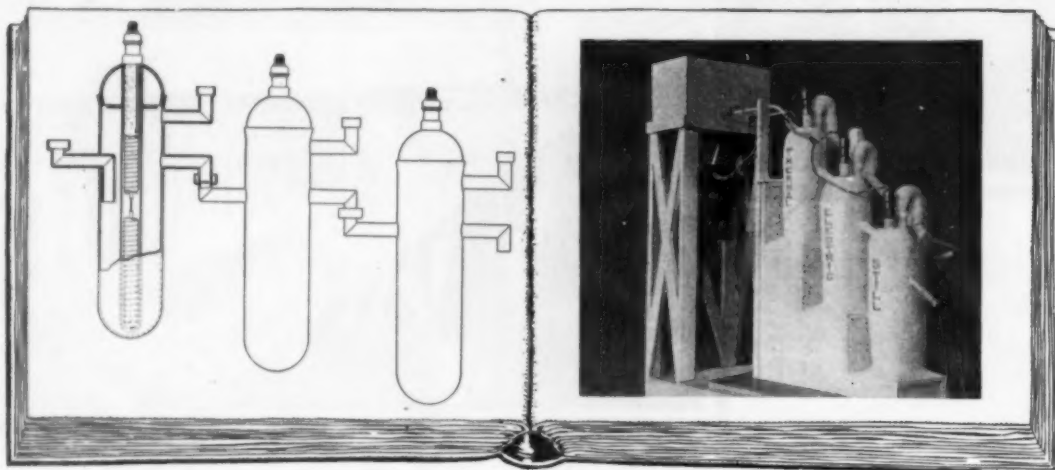
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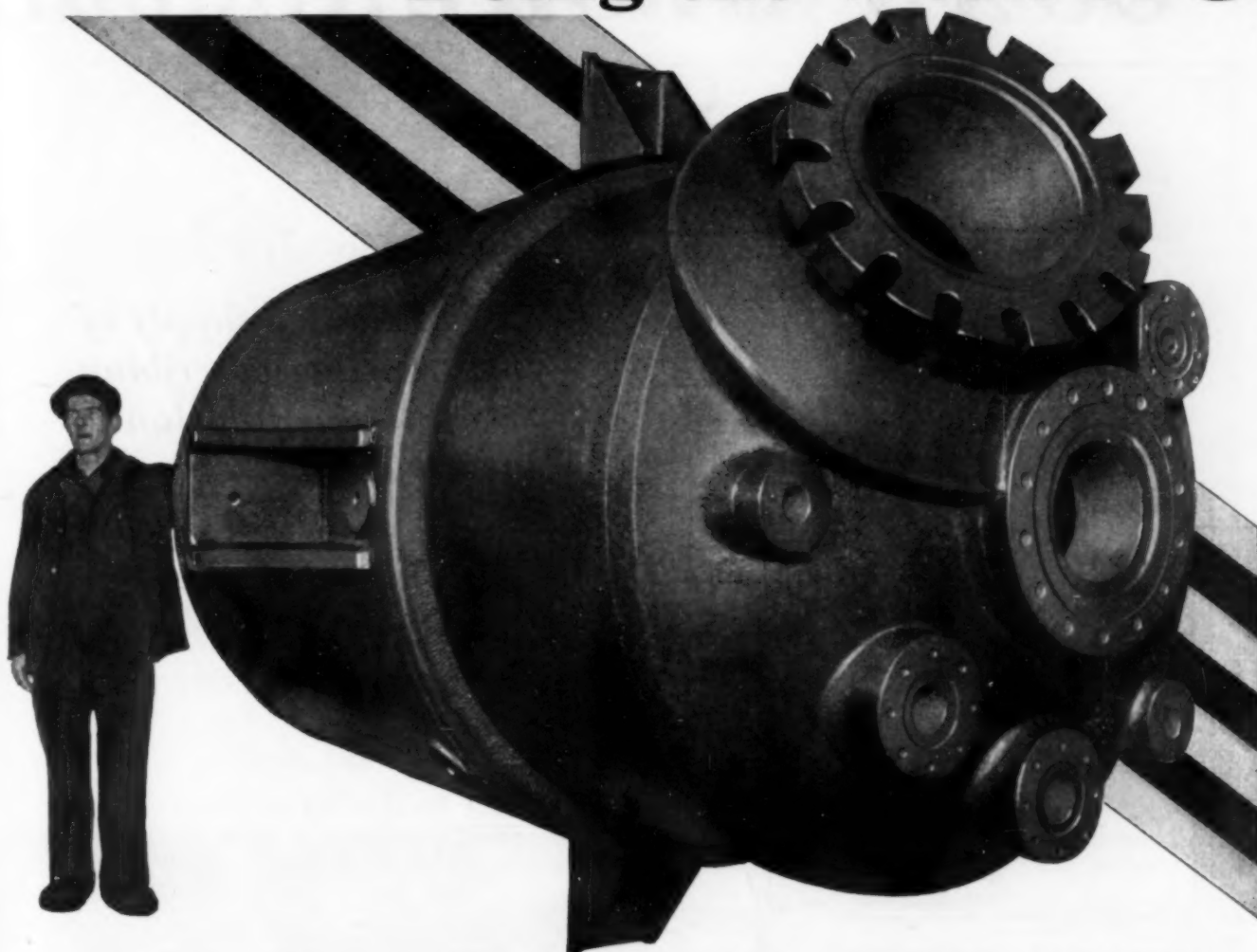
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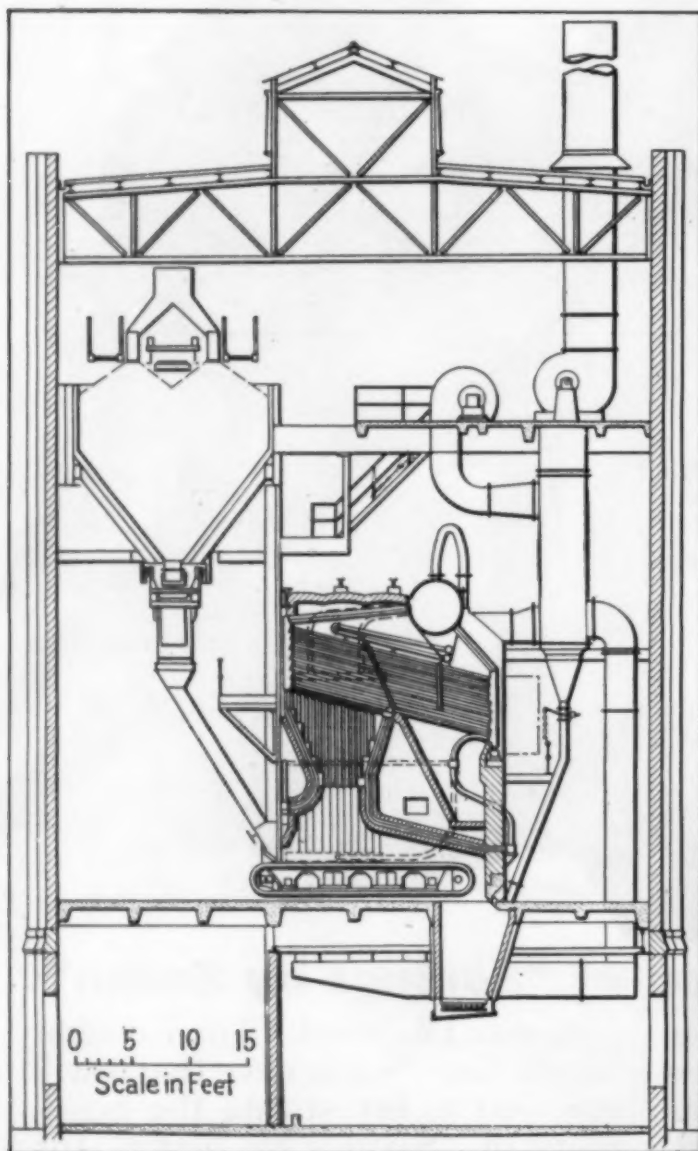
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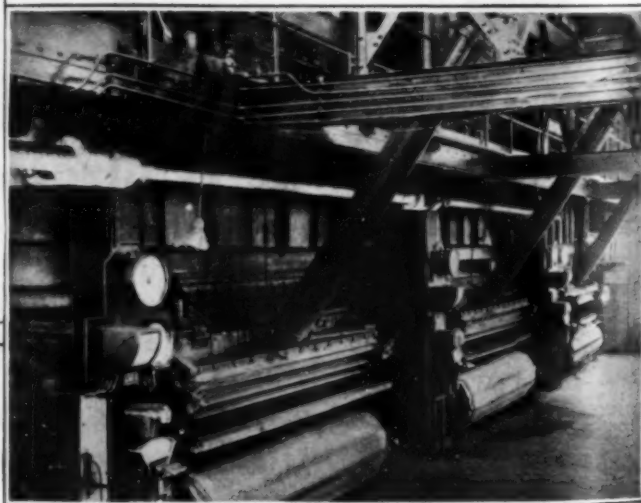
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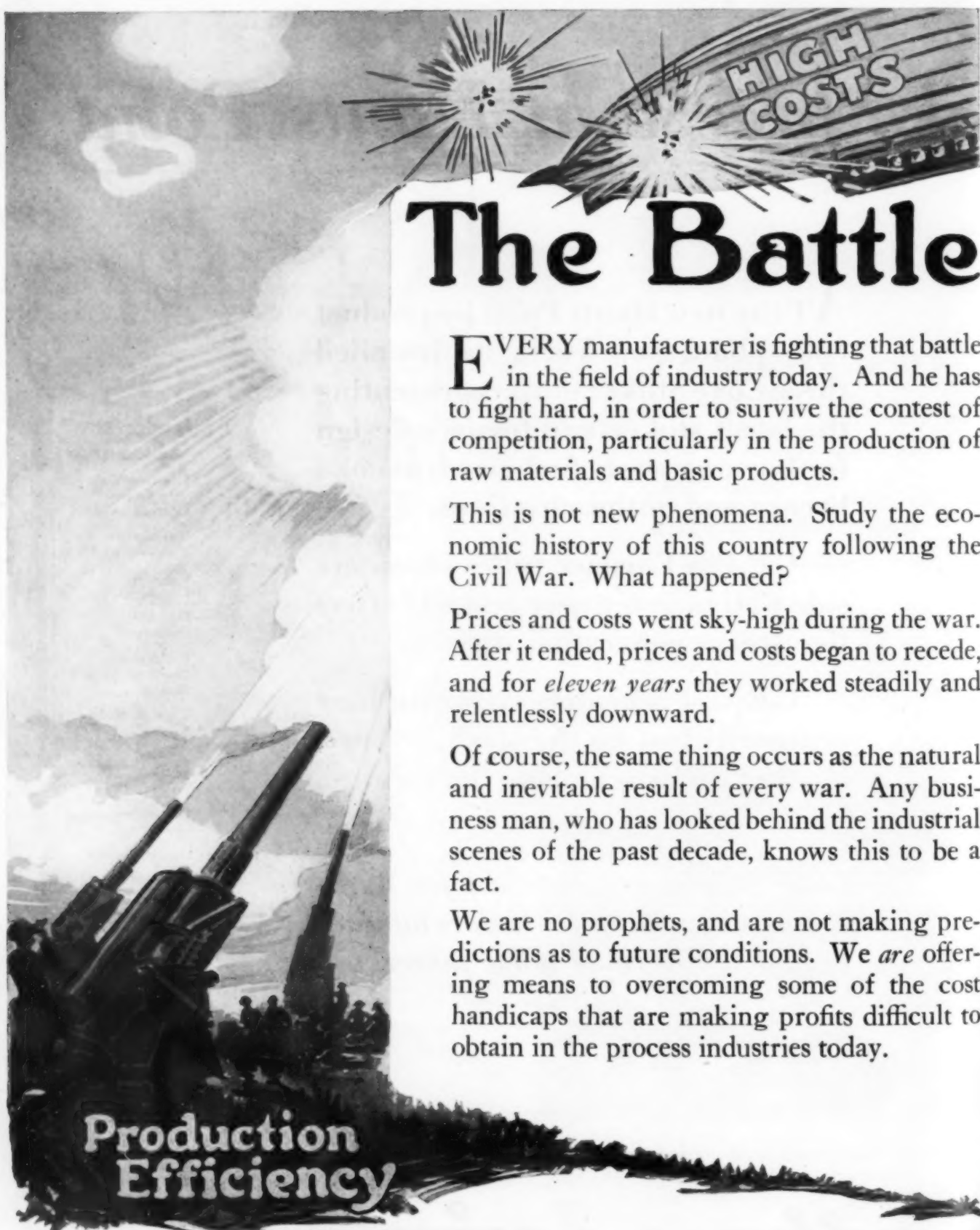


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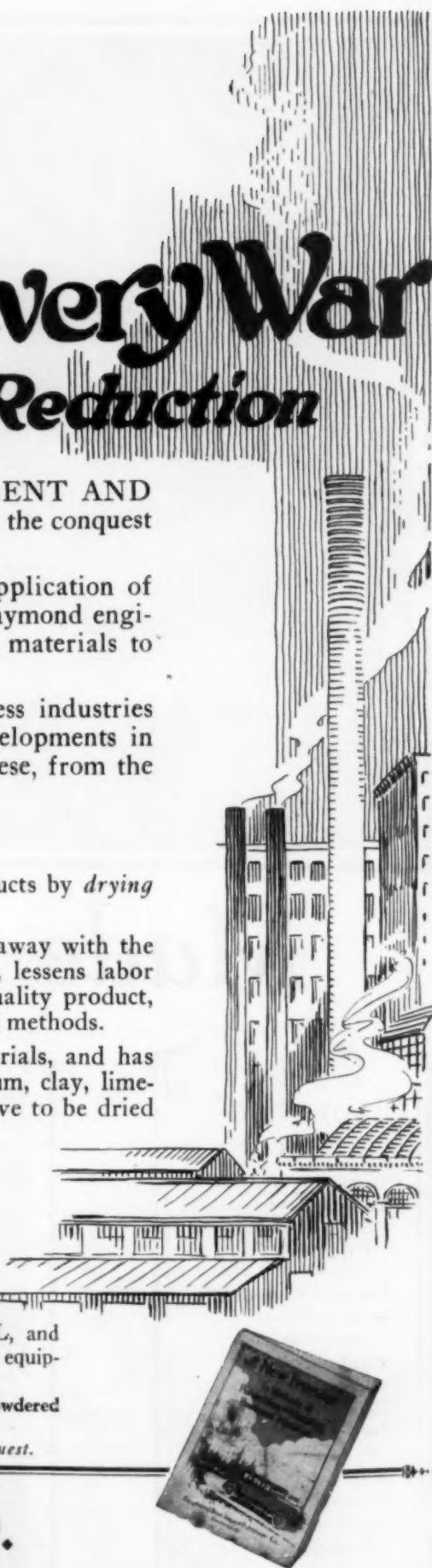
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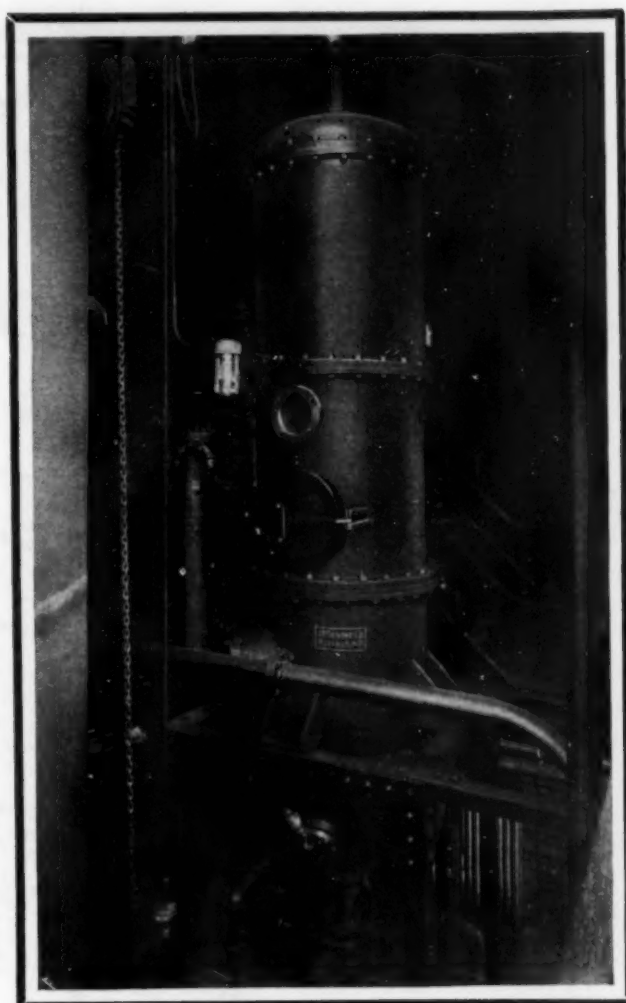
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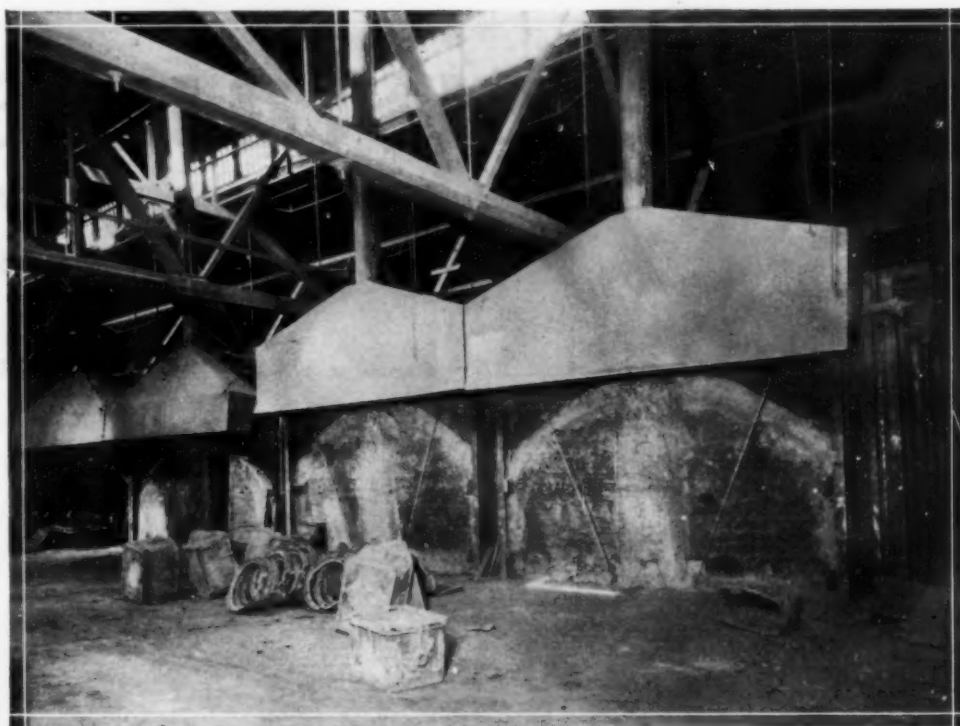
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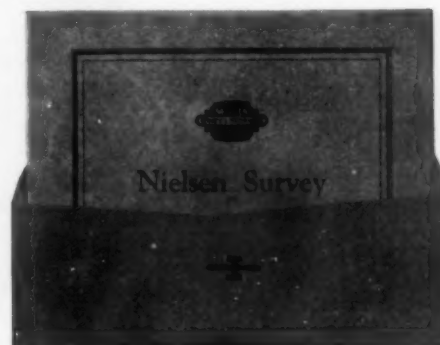
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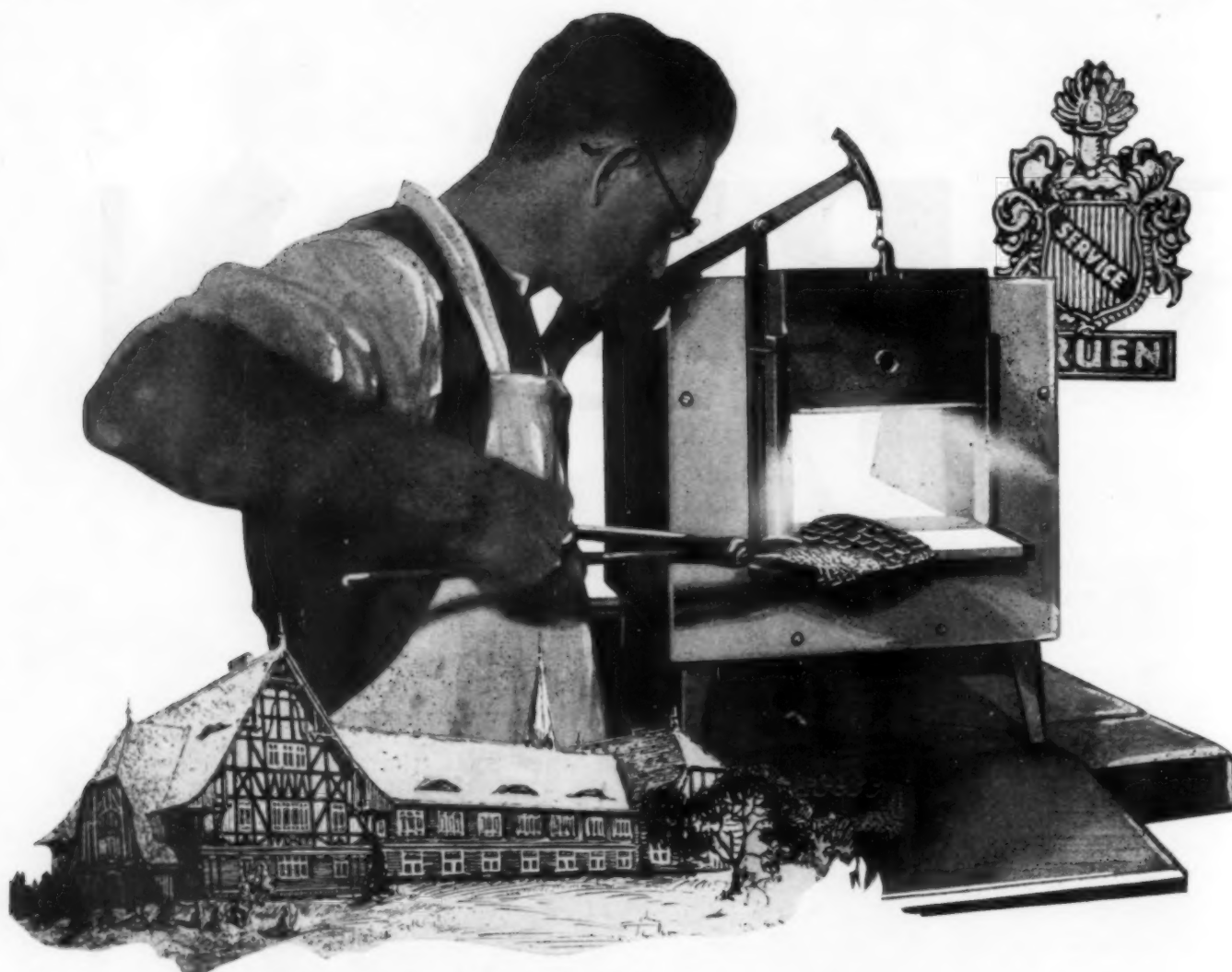
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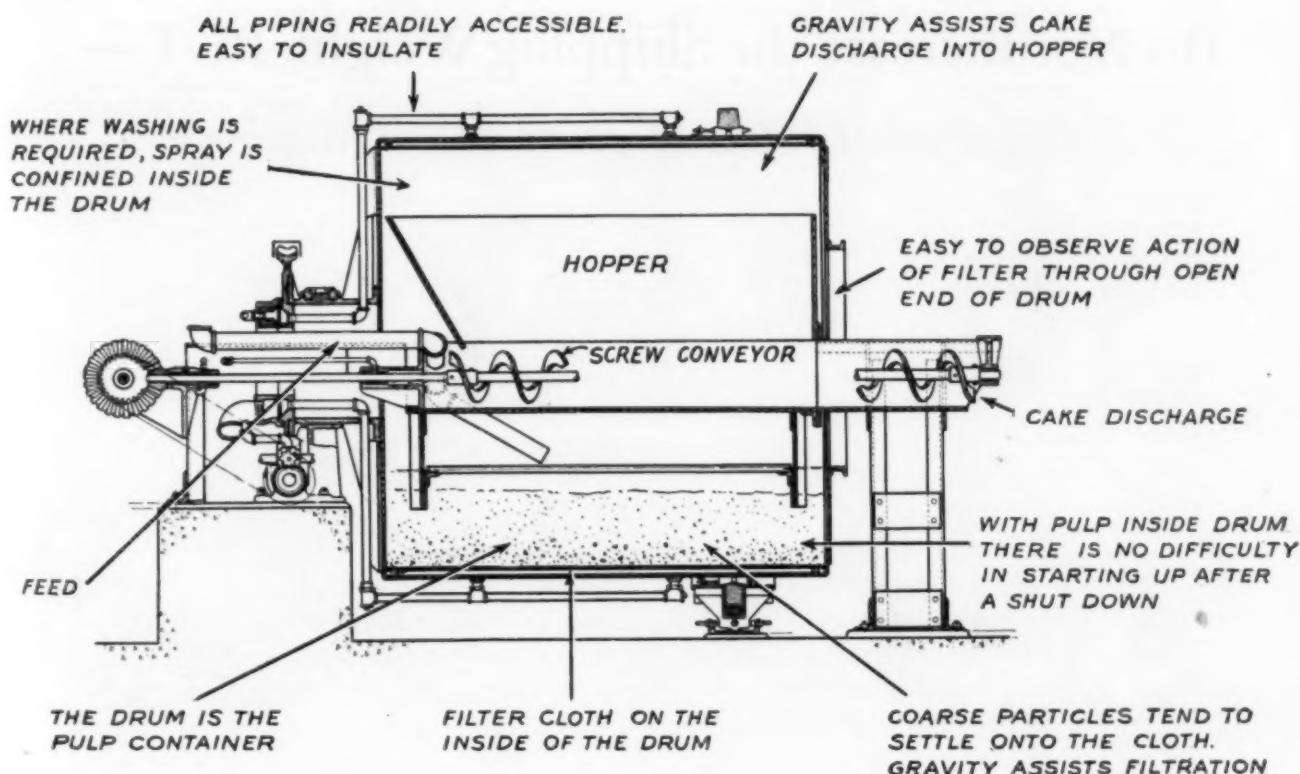
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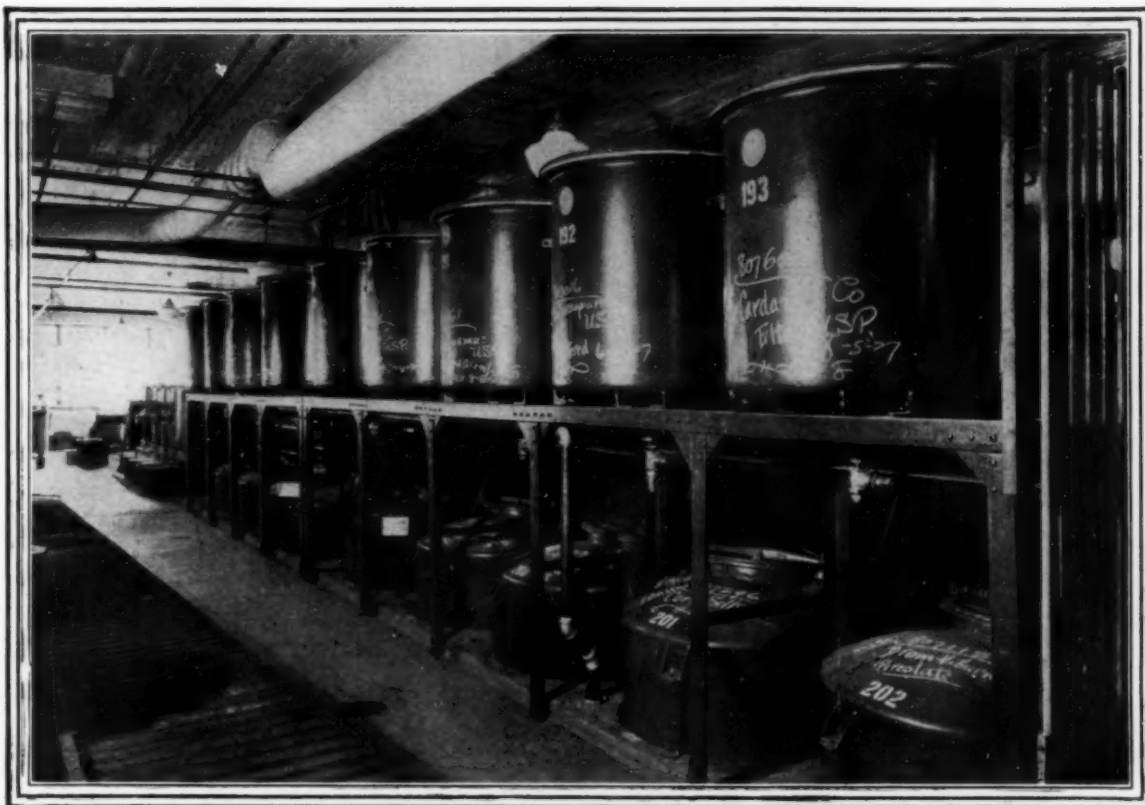
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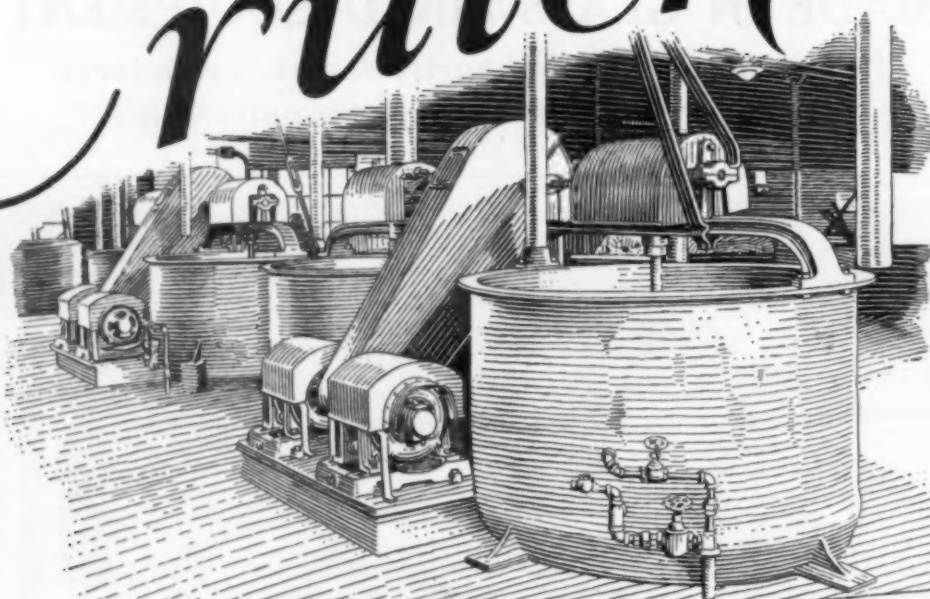
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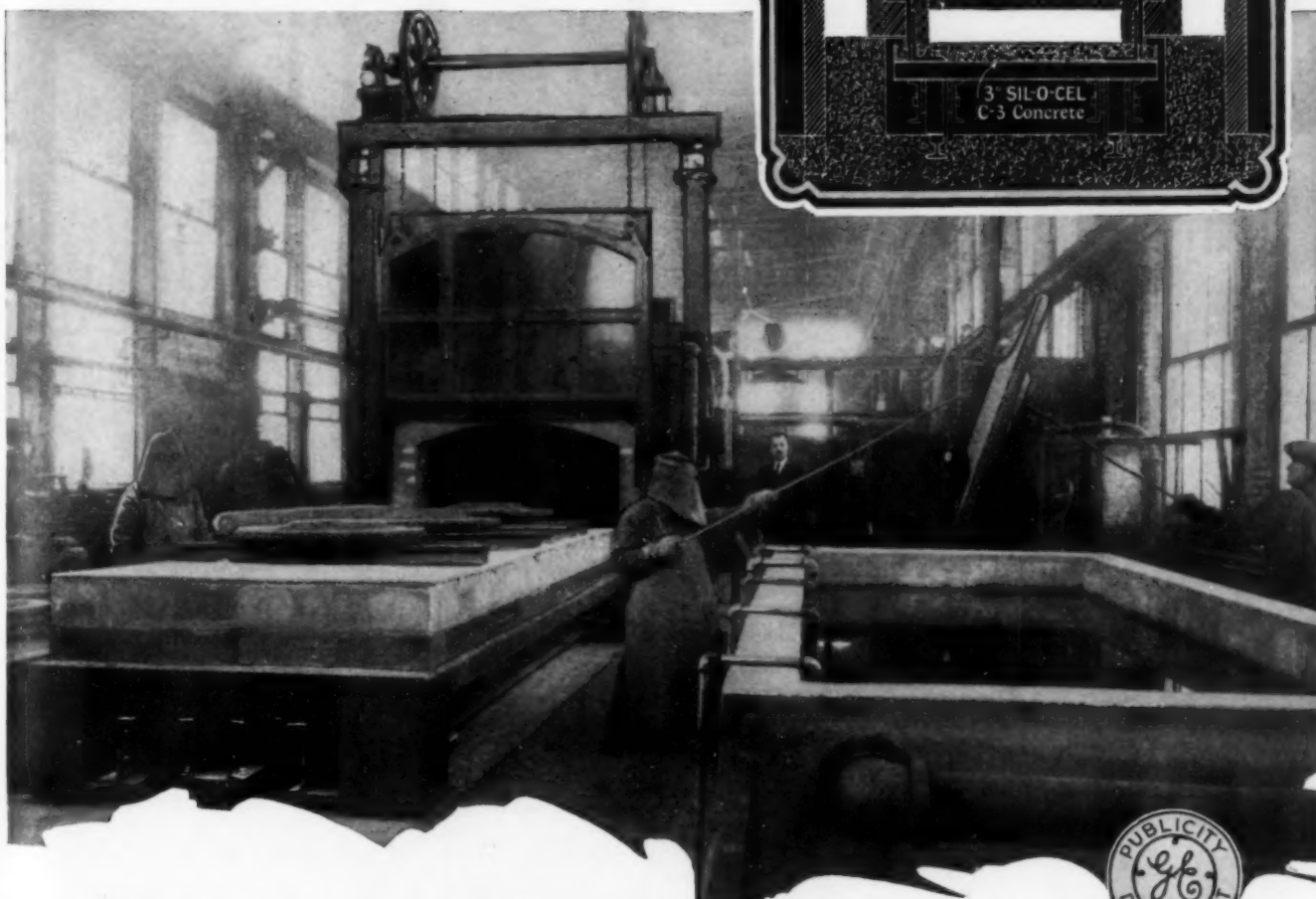
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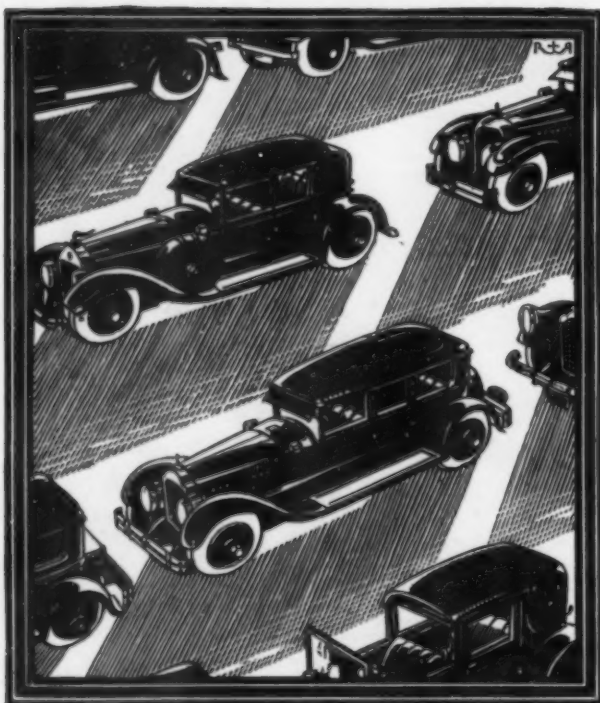
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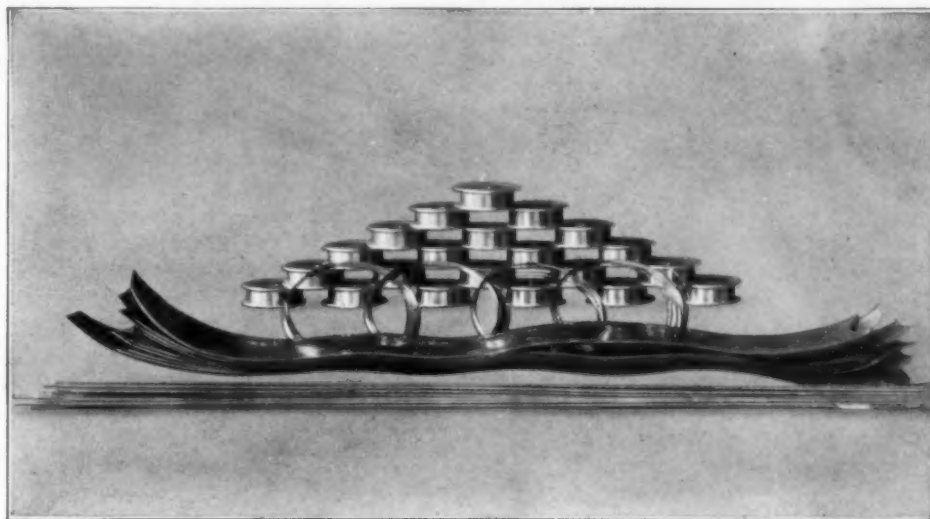
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# Characteristics of commercial tantalum

## Technical characteristics

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Atomic weight . . . . .	181.5
Density . . . . .	16.6
Atomic volume . . . . .	10.9
Tensile strength, lb. sq. in. . . . .	130,000
Compressibility per kg. per sq. cm. . . . .	$0.50 \times 10^{-6}$
Brinell hardness . . . . .	45.9
Scleroscope hardness . . . . .	10
Young's modulus of elasticity kg. per sq. mm. . . . .	19,000
Melting point, degrees C . . . . .	2,770
Specific heat cal. per gm. per degree . . . . .	0.0365
Linear coefficient of expansion per degree C . . . . .	$7.9 \times 10^{-6}$
Thermal cond., in cal. per c. c. . . . .	0.130
Heat of combustion, cal. per gm. . . . .	1,147
Heat of combustion, cal. per gm. molecule to oxide . . . . .	301,500
Temp. coefficient of resistance . . . . .	0.00335
Elec. resistance microhm per c. c. at 25° annealed . . . . .	14.6
Magnetic susceptibility, $X 10^6$ . . . . .	0.8
Electrochem. equiv., mg. per coulomb . . . . .	0.3762
Refractive index . . . . .	2.05
Thermoelectric e. m. f. against copper, microvolts per degree . . . . .	4.1

## Chemical properties

The most characteristic chemical property of Tantalum is its unusual resistance to chemical corrosion. It is not attacked by hydrochloric or nitric acids or by *aqua regia*, either hot or cold. It is not attacked by dilute sulfuric acid at ordinary or more elevated temperatures, but appears to be slowly attacked by boiling, concentrated sulfuric acid. Solutions of caustic alkalis do not attack the metal easily. Hydrofluoric acid seems to be the only chemical agent which will attack it, and in the case of very pure metal and very pure hydrofluoric acid the action is very slow. A mixture of hydrofluoric and nitric acids will attack the metal with avidity, causing it to go into solution as Tantalum fluoride.

If Tantalum is heated in the air, the surface becomes blue at a temperature of about 400° C., and at a somewhat higher temperature, nearly black. Above a dull red heat the white oxide is produced and the metal gradually burns. This metal combines with avidity with hydrogen, oxygen, or nitrogen. It will take up 740 times its own volume of hydrogen, producing a very coarse-grained, brittle product.

Tantalum containing dissolved gases will be harder than the pure metal, and if their quantity

is appreciable the metal may even be brittle—so all annealing or heating operations with Tantalum must be carried out in a vacuum. Solutions of chlorine or the gas itself are without any action on the metal. Tantalum is not affected by any of the chemicals or antiseptics used in dentistry or surgery.

## Corrosion data

Below is corrosion data on Tantalum as far as has been actually determined as a guide in determining its suitability for particular uses. Tantalum, in so far as its properties can be compared with other materials, is more resistant to corrosion than any known metal or alloy. In the table, the words opposite the corrosive agent have the following meanings:

**EXCELLENT:** Resistance to corrosion of such a degree in laboratory and service tests that a long life of years is obtained.

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**FAIR:** Resistance to corrosion of such a degree in laboratory and service tests that the material may be used when cost is not a consideration.

**POOR:** Resistance to corrosion of such a degree in laboratory and service tests that the material is useless.

This table takes the form of the table on corrosion worked out by the committee of the Society for Testing Materials under the chairmanship of Jerome Strauss. The ratings given are conservative and it is recommended that the Tantalum be sampled by the user for special processes.

### Form of Material Wrought—Sheet, Wire or Bar.

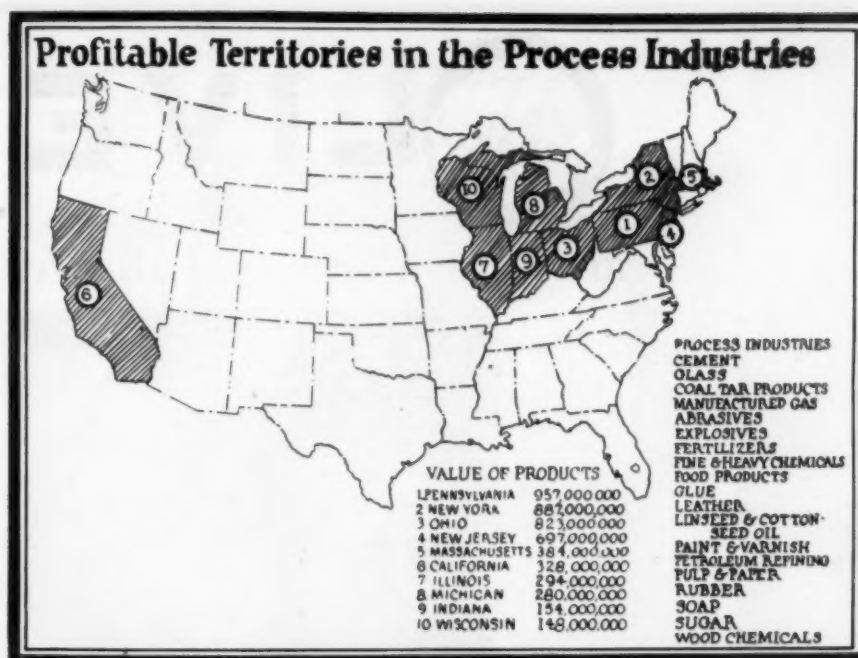
Sulfuric Acid . . . . .	Dilute . . . . .	Excellent
	Concentrated and below boiling point . . . . .	Excellent
Nitric Acid . . . . .	Very Dilute . . . . .	Excellent
	Concentrated . . . . .	Excellent
Hydrochloric Acid . . . . .	Dilute . . . . .	Excellent
	Concentrated . . . . .	Excellent
<i>Aqua Regia</i> . . . . .		Excellent
Hydrofluoric Acid . . . . .		Poor
Hydrofluoric and Concentrated Nitric Mixed . . . . .		Poor
Acetic Acid . . . . .	10% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
	Concentrated (Glacial) . . . . .	Excellent
Formic Acid . . . . .	12% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
	50% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
Oxalic Acid . . . . .	10% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
Phosphoric Acid . . . . .	10% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
	85% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
Carbolic Acid . . . . .	5% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
Citric Acid Solution . . . . .		Excellent
Tannic Acid . . . . .	15% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
Sodium Acetate . . . . .	20% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
<i>Iodine Solution</i> . . . . .	10% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
<i>Chlorine Solution</i> . . . . .		Excellent
Sodium Hydroxide . . . . .	Dilute Solution . . . . .	Good
	Hot Concentrated . . . . .	Poor
Potassium Hydroxide . . . . .	10% Solution . . . . .	Excellent
Ammonium Hydroxide . . . . .		Excellent
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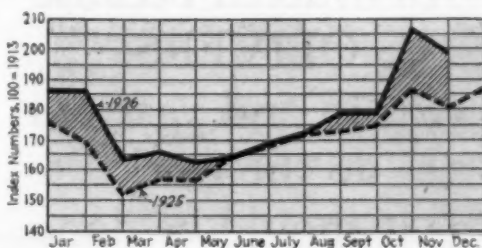
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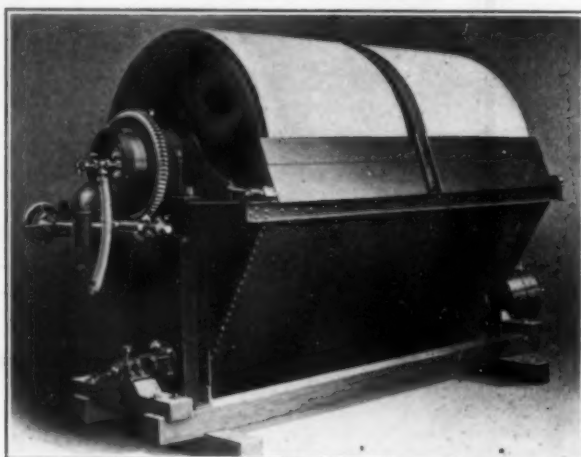
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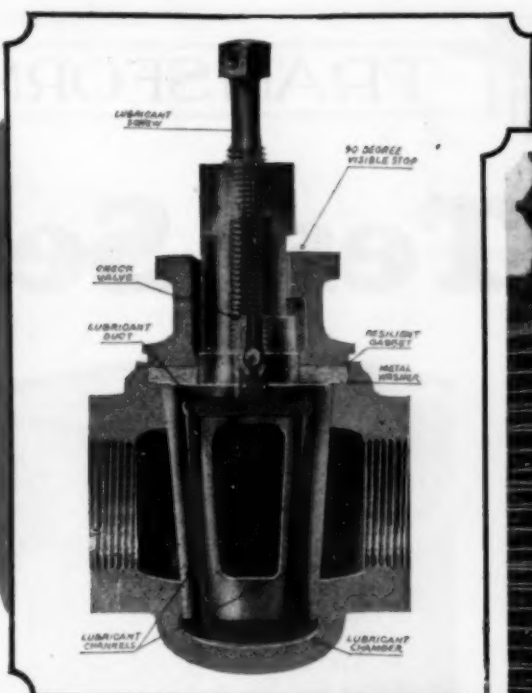
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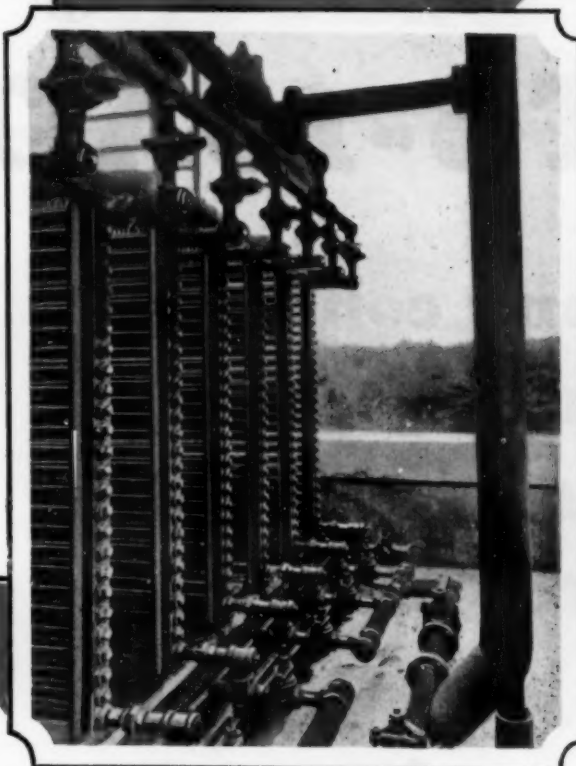
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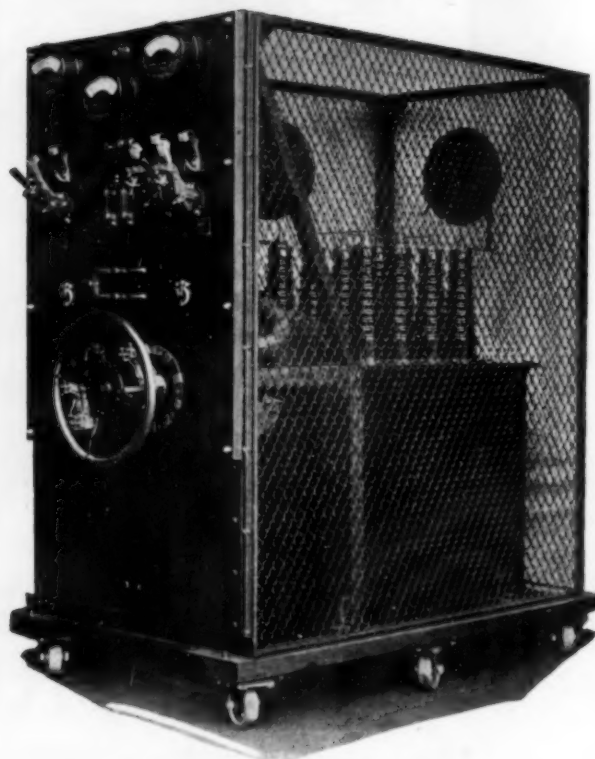
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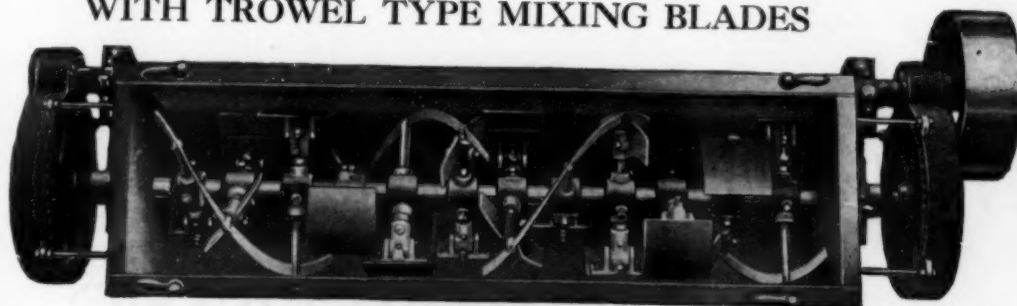
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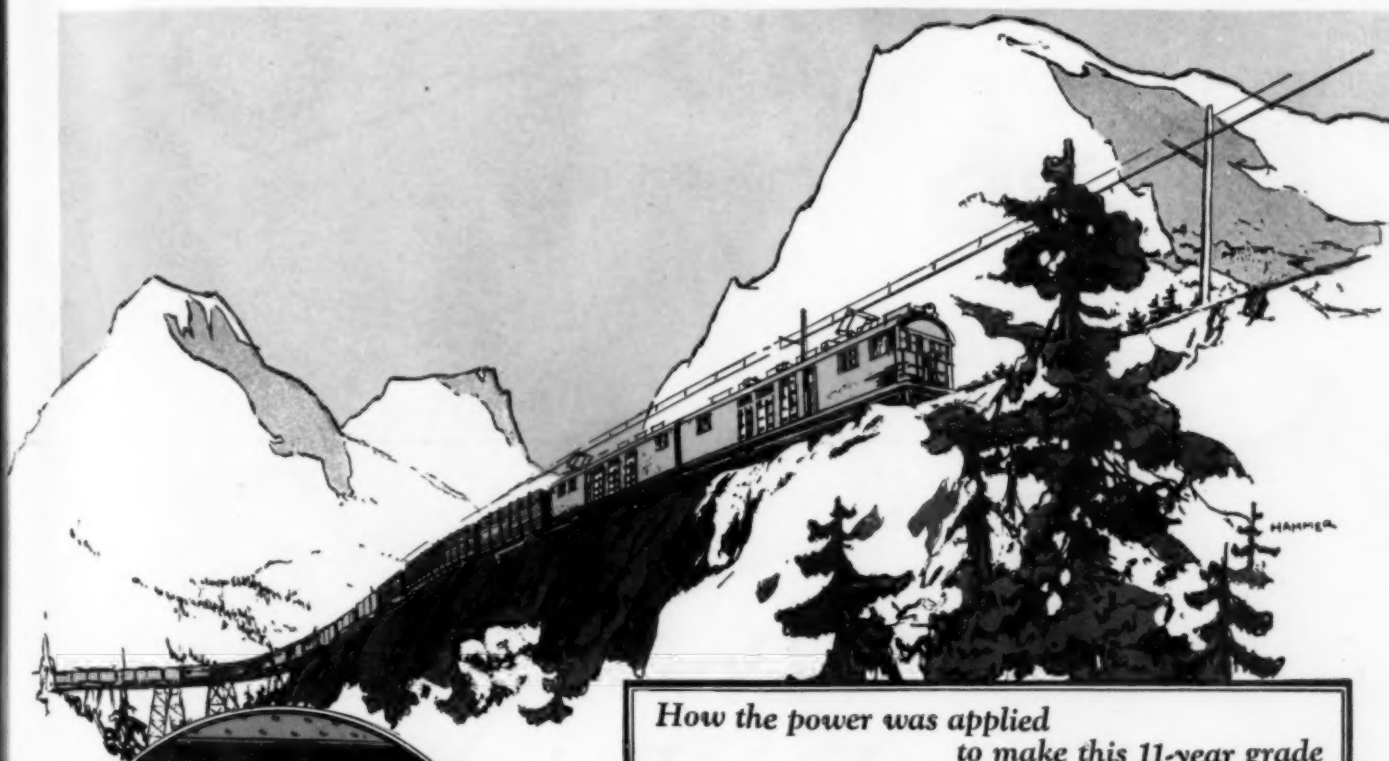
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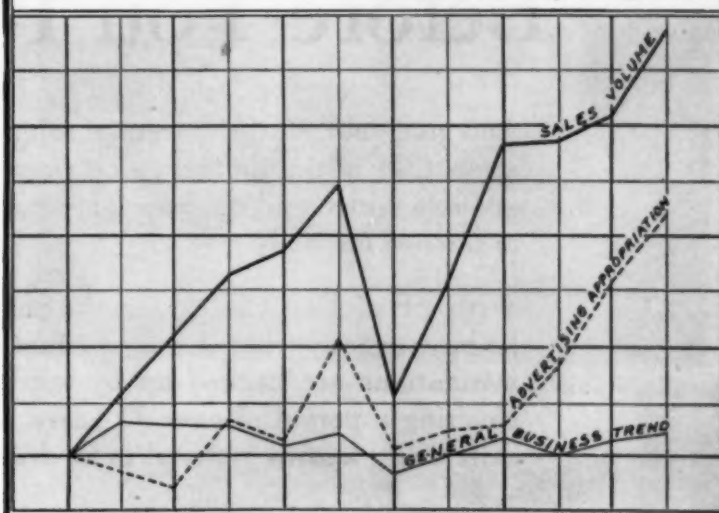
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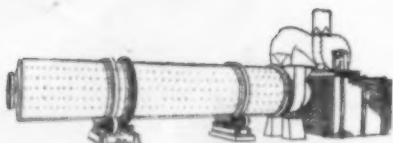
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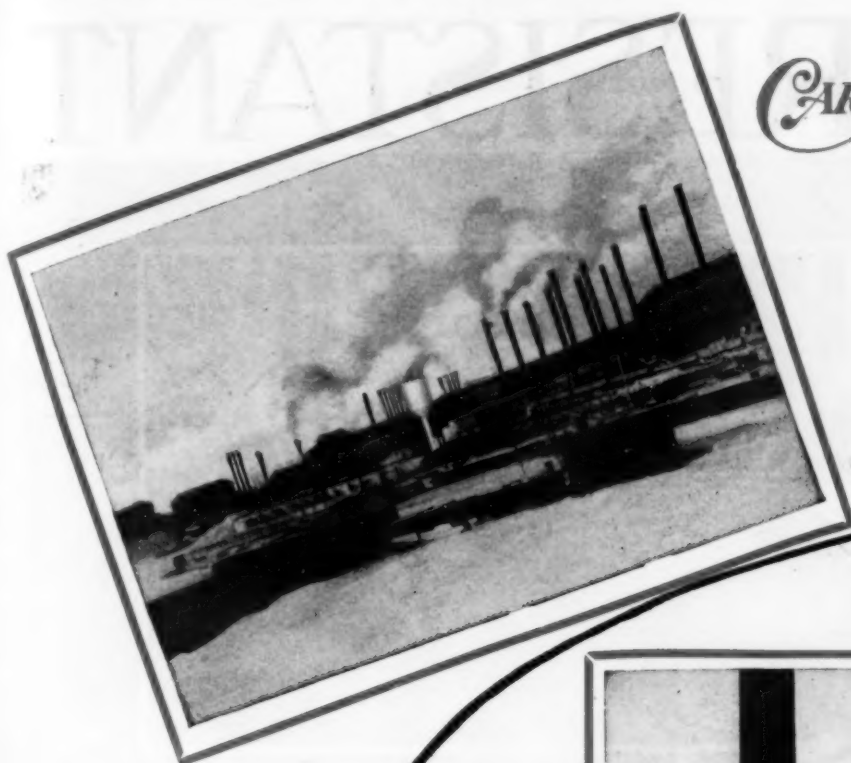
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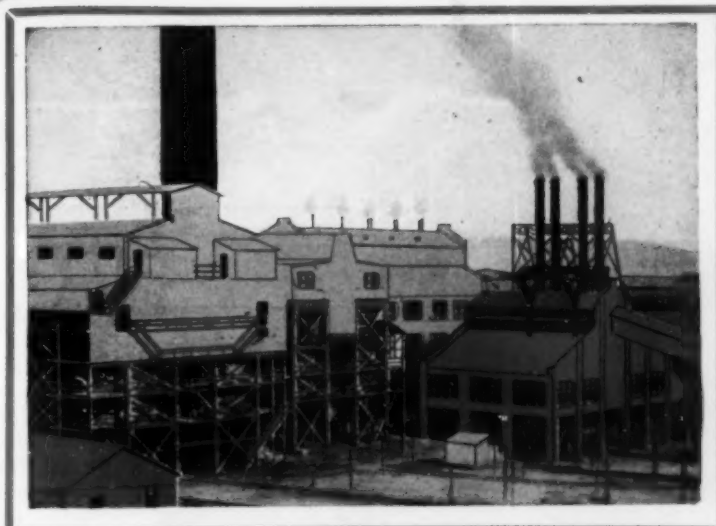
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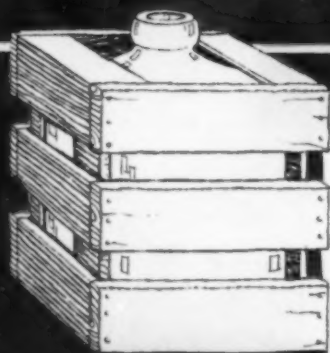
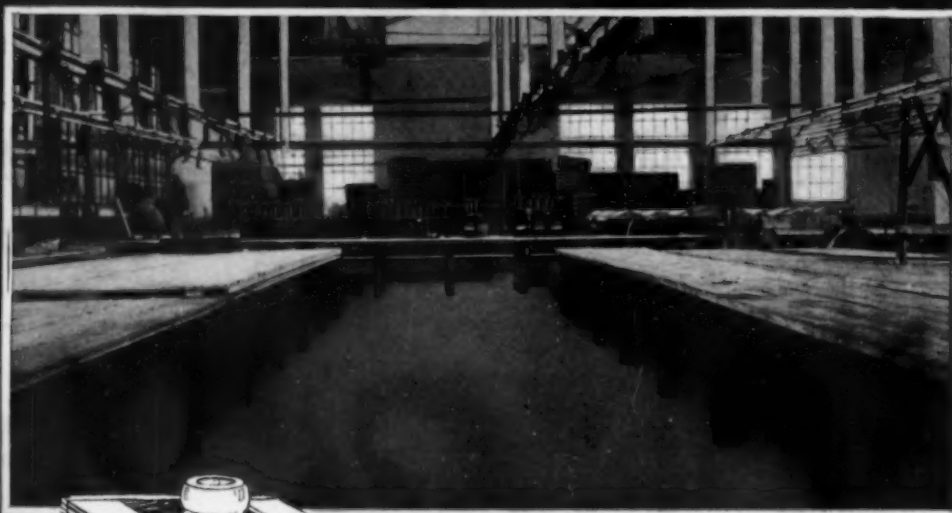
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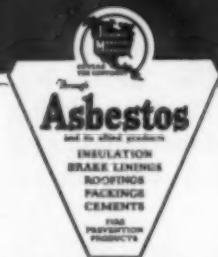
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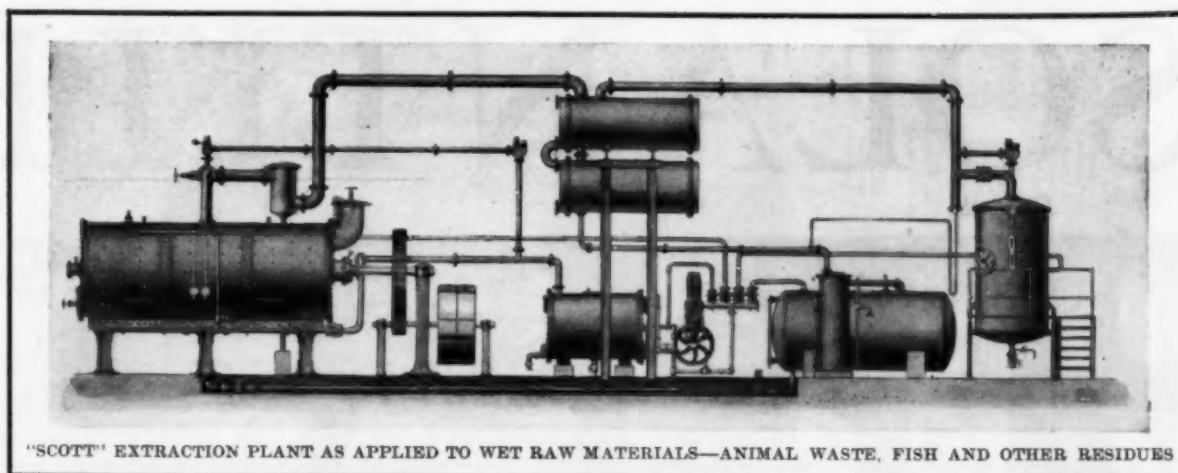
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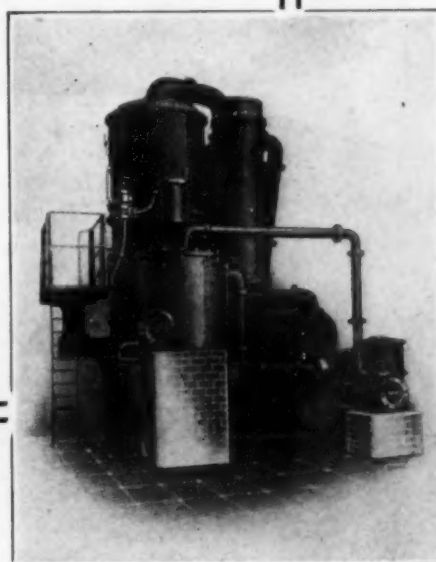
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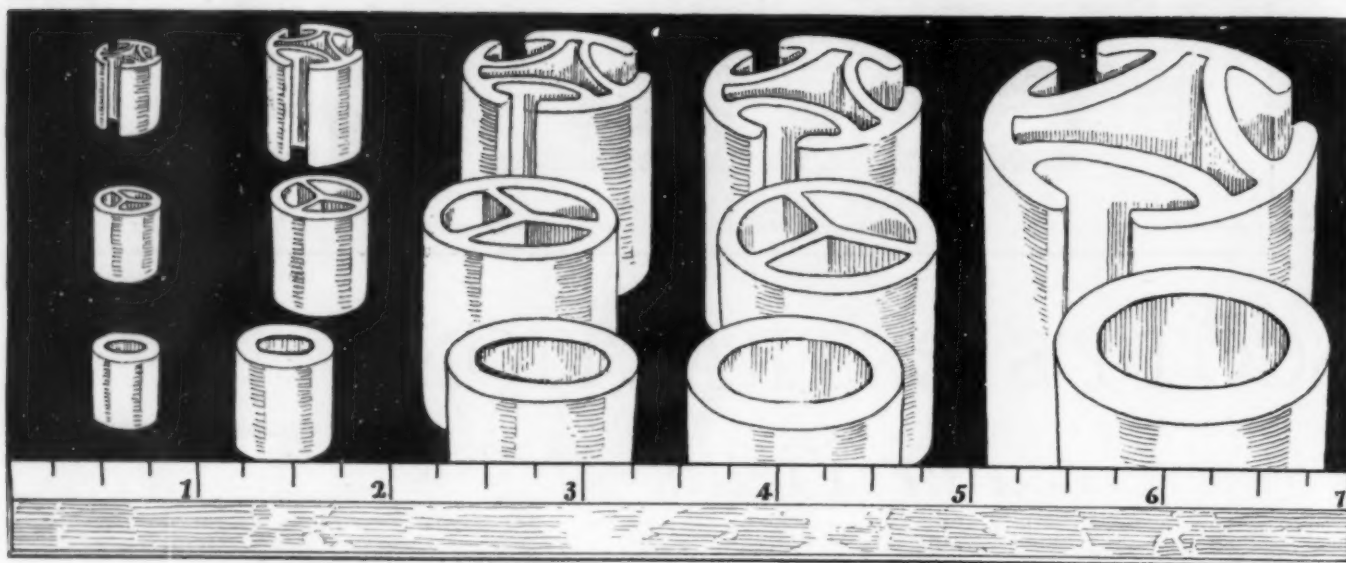
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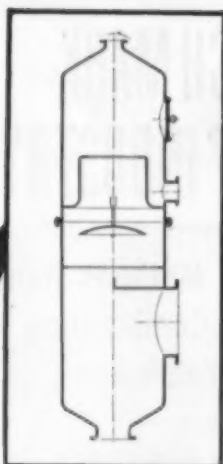
How does a veteran investment banker regard this era of changing financial and industrial conditions? Ask Edward P. Russell, senior partner of the stock exchange firm of Russell, Brewster & Co., and he will tell you how things have altered and how it is necessary now to take new factors into account in investing money.

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"It is reasoning such as this which has led shrewd investors who desired to put their money into the steel business to buy United States Steel, or in the automobile industry to buy General Motors, or in the farm machinery business to buy International Harvester, or as an example of effective methods of research, Union Carbide and Carbon."

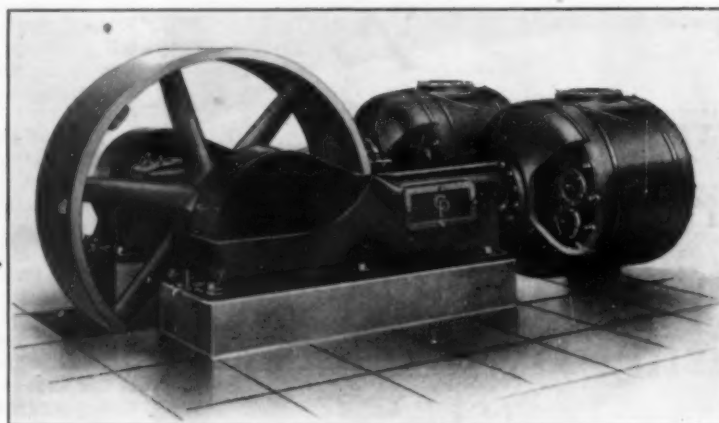
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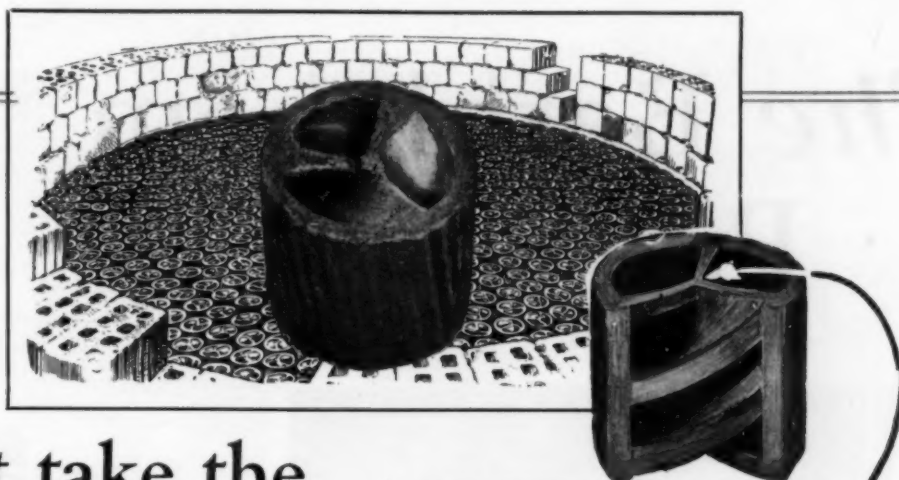




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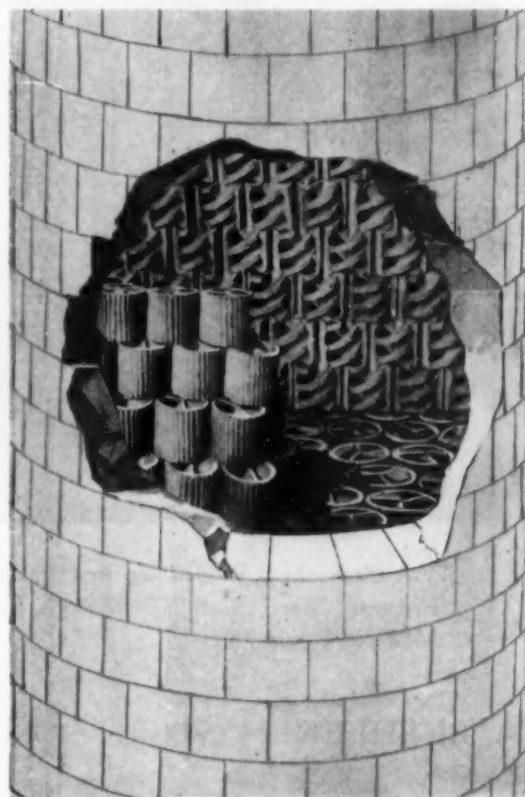
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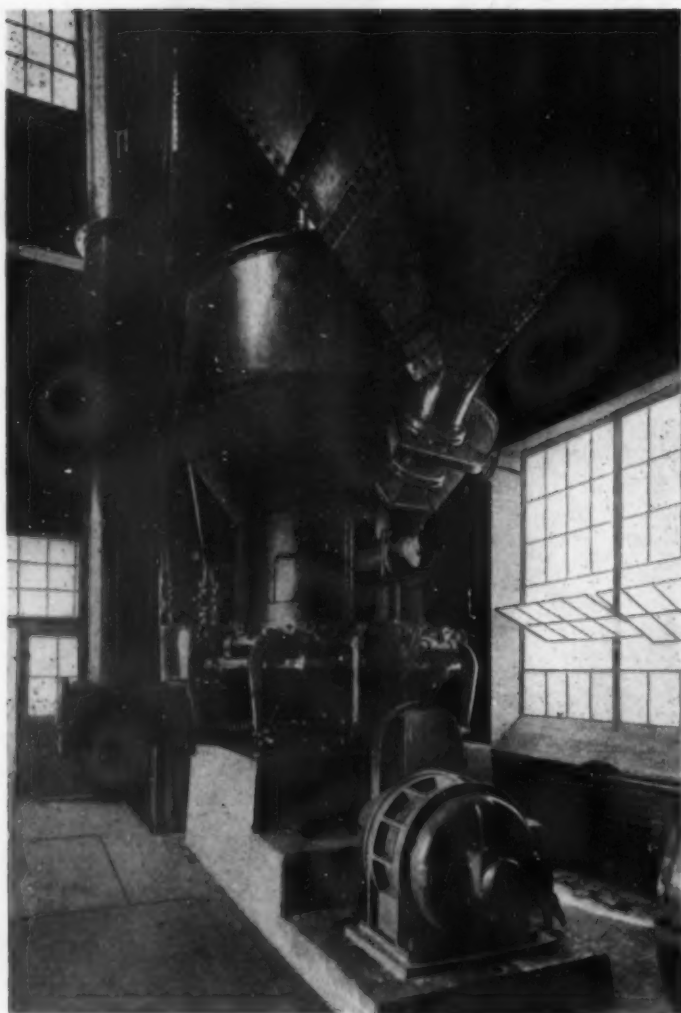
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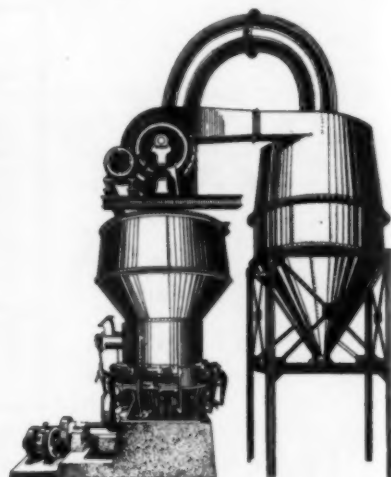


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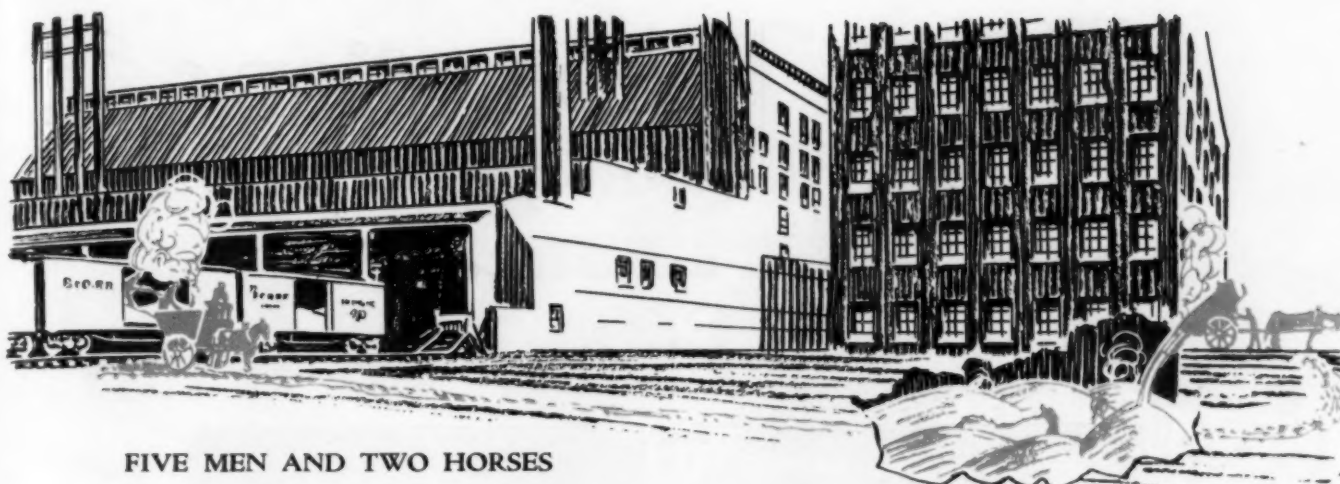
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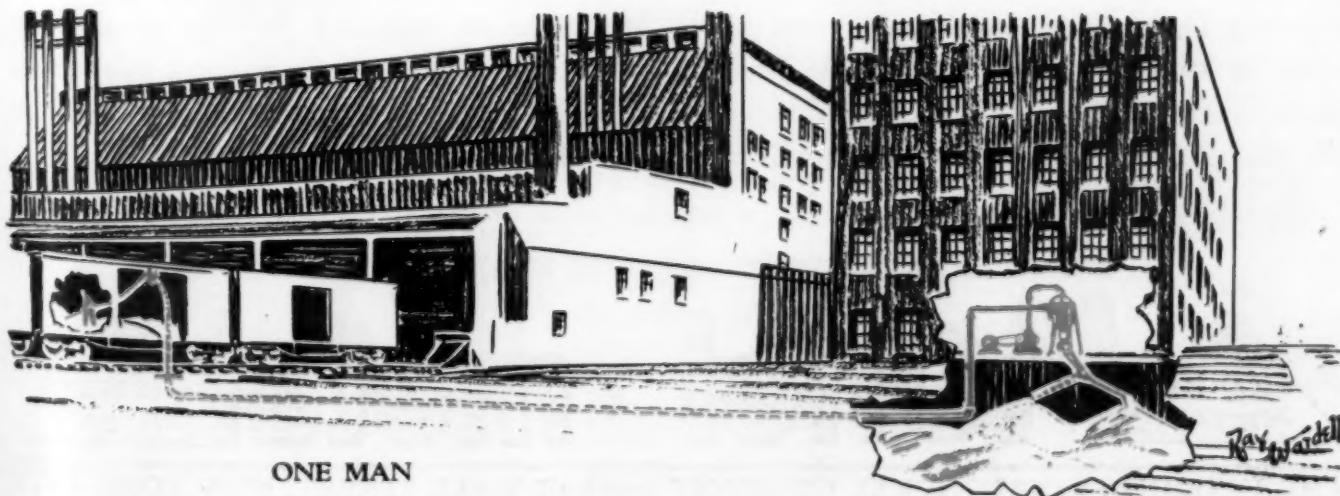
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Another view of California Perfume Co. In this plant there are many of these Monel Metal containers, some of which are jacketed for cooling—all are fitted with Monel Metal covers and were made by THE FALSTROM CO. Containers are 32" in diameter and 28" high.

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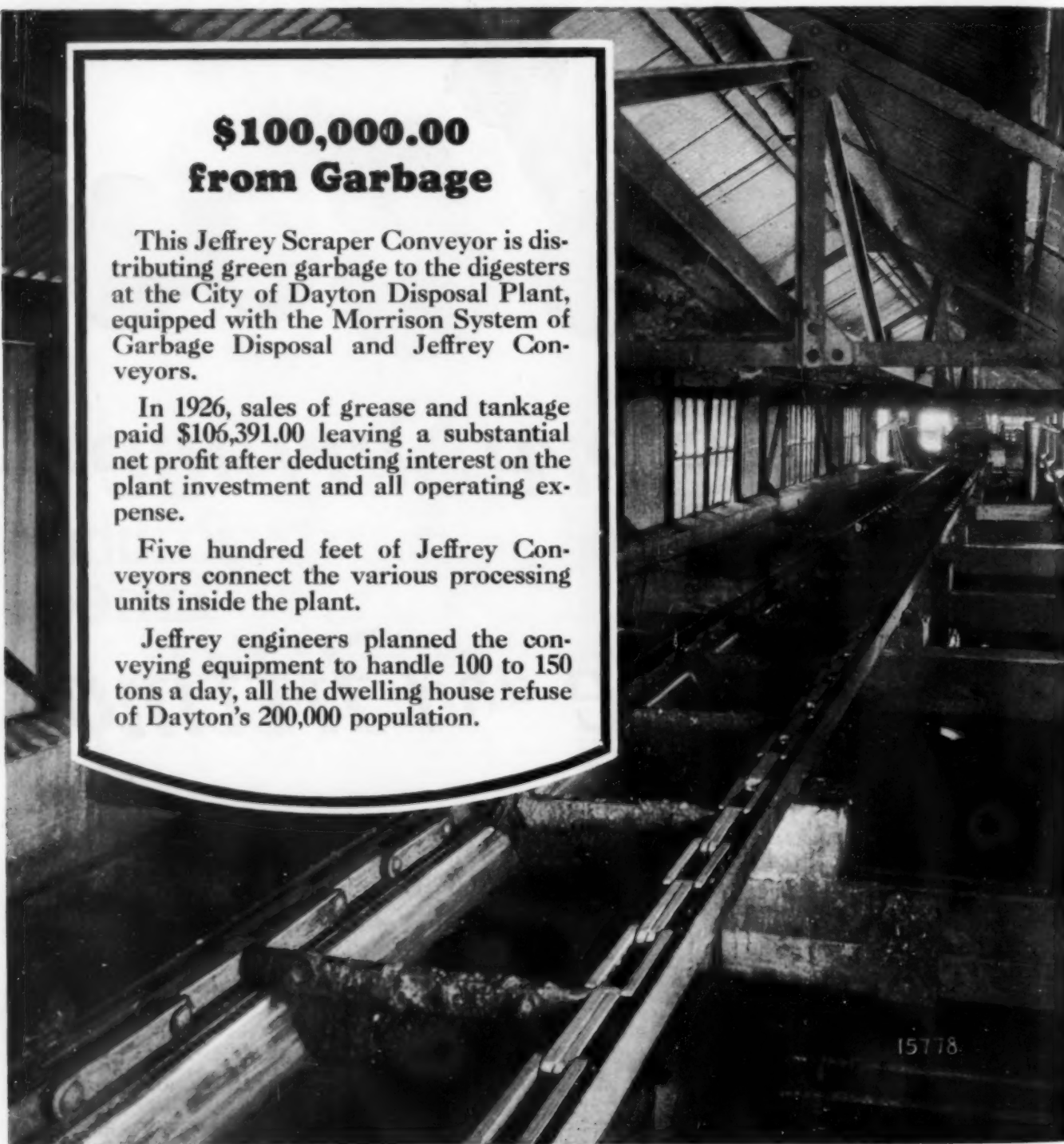
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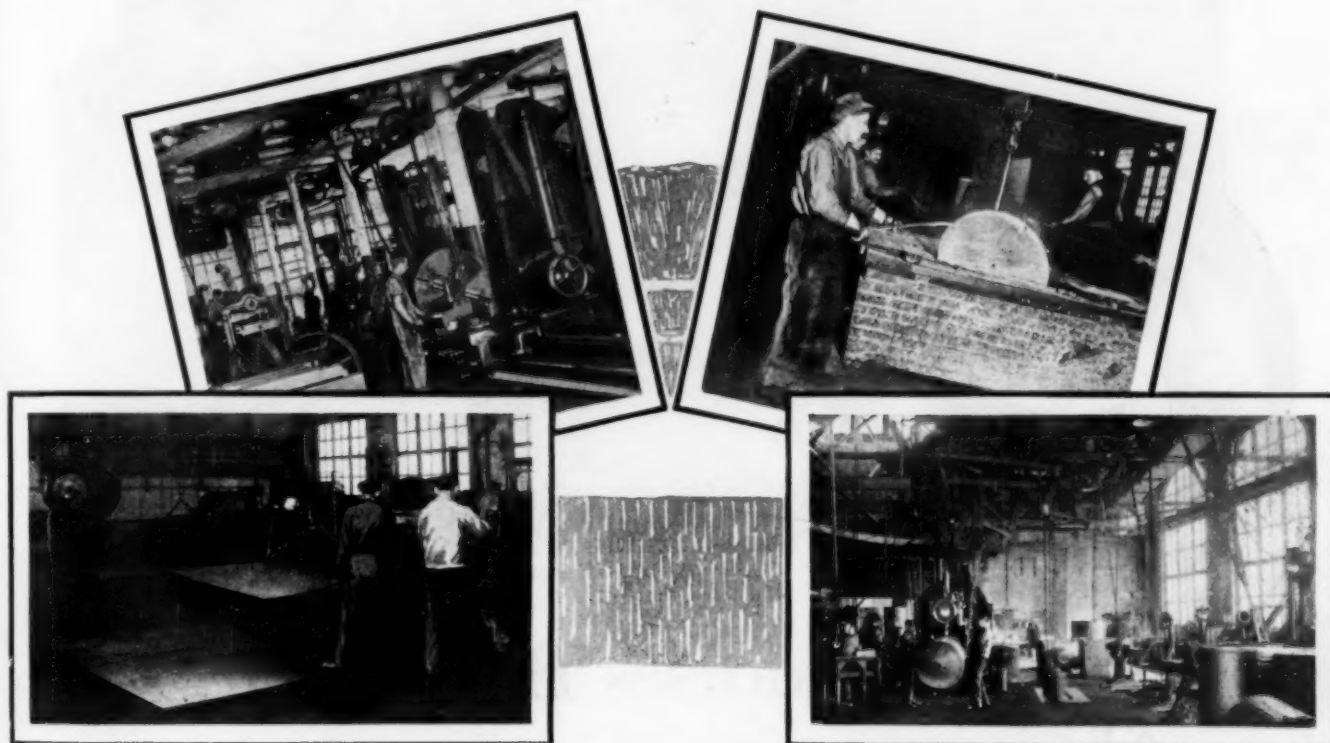
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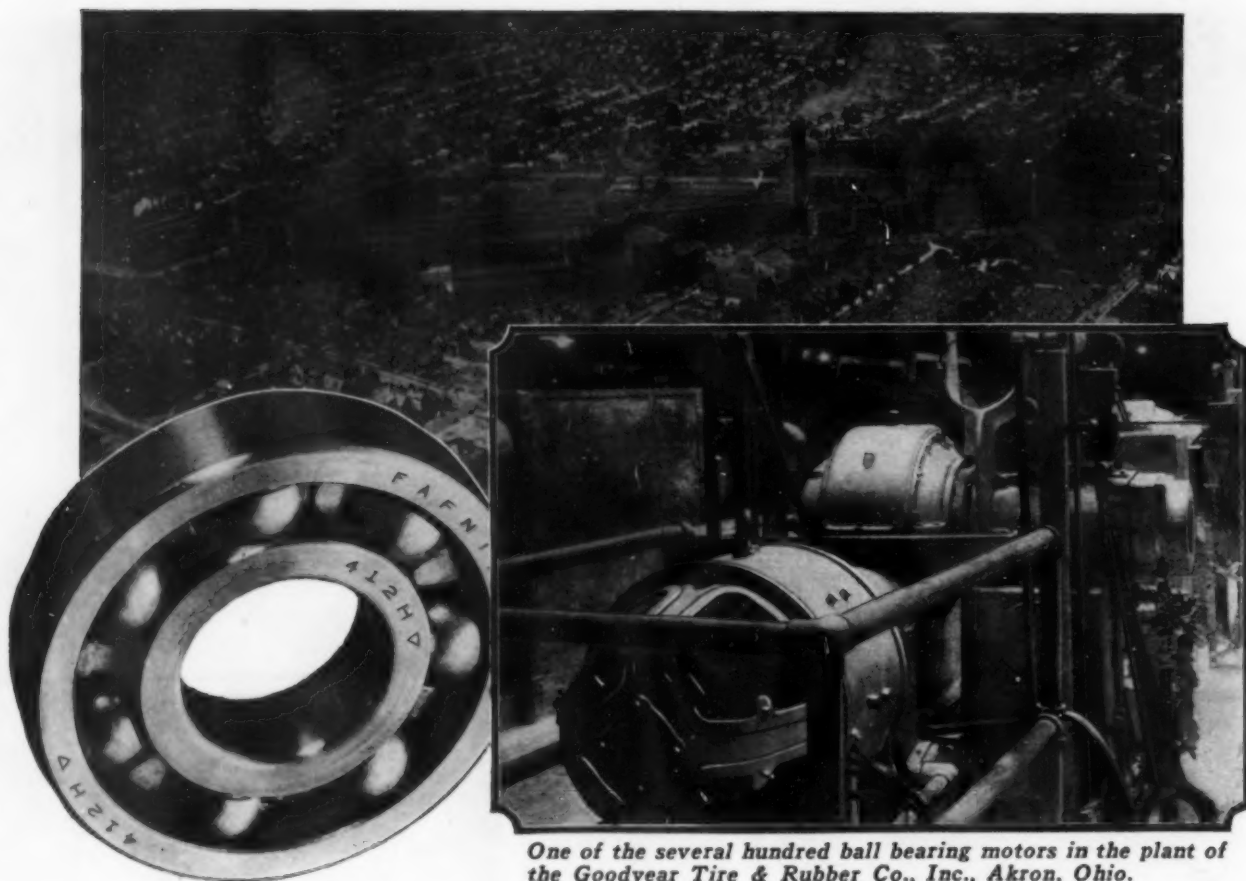
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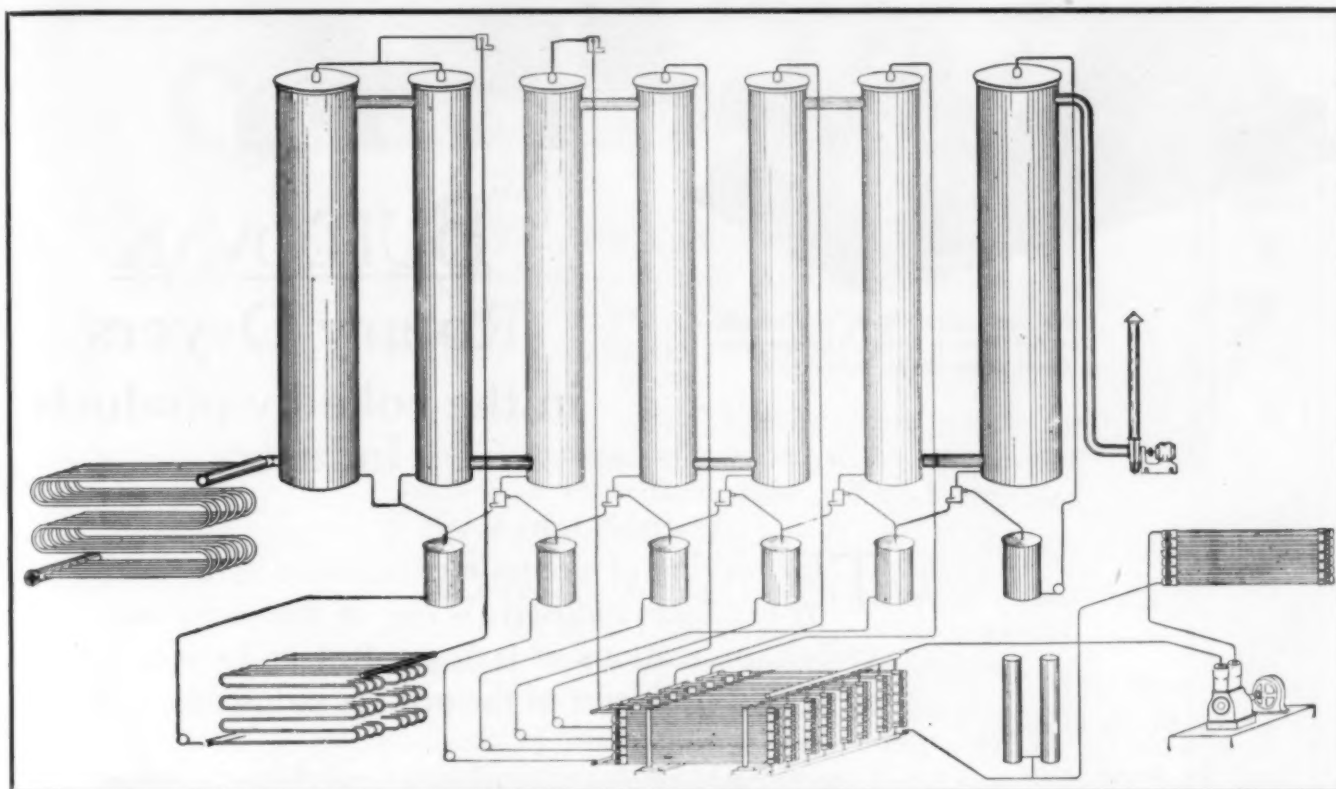
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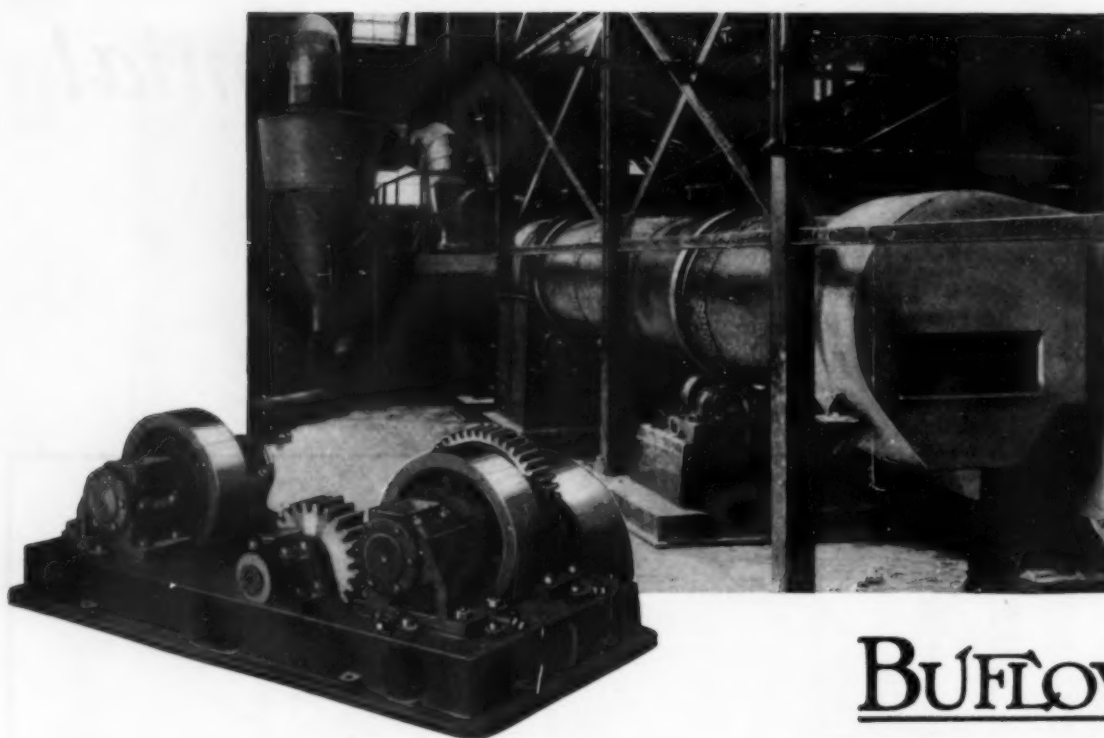
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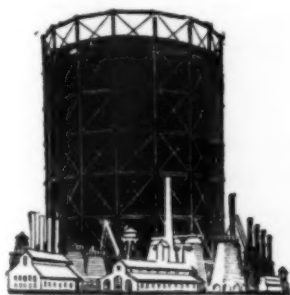
**A**FTER all it is *efficiency* that wins the day, and forges ahead. Arguments and discussion are all right in their place, but the deciding factor is RESULTS.

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# In Step with the Publishing Needs of Industry

Twenty-five years ago, each industry was living pretty much unto itself. Industry traditions blocked progress. "Our business is different" sealed the eyes and ears of plant management in each line, forestalling adoption by one line of successful policies of the other lines about them.

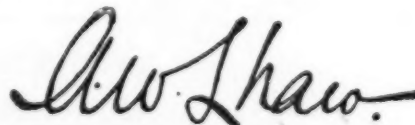
The establishment of "Factory" and of "Industrial Management" symbolized a new era in management thinking—the consolidation of isolated industrial viewpoints into a broad outlook for industry as a whole.

These magazines pierced the walls of the century-old traditional thinking that had separated industries. Growing parallel in service, their pages demonstrated the common principles on which sound production management in any industry is based. They interpreted one industry to another. They served as a timely interchange of policy and method, experiment and fruition.

Today we see a veritable science of management arising from the free interchange of management thinking, accomplished through educational institutions, through national and local associations, through governmental and functional committees and through business papers.

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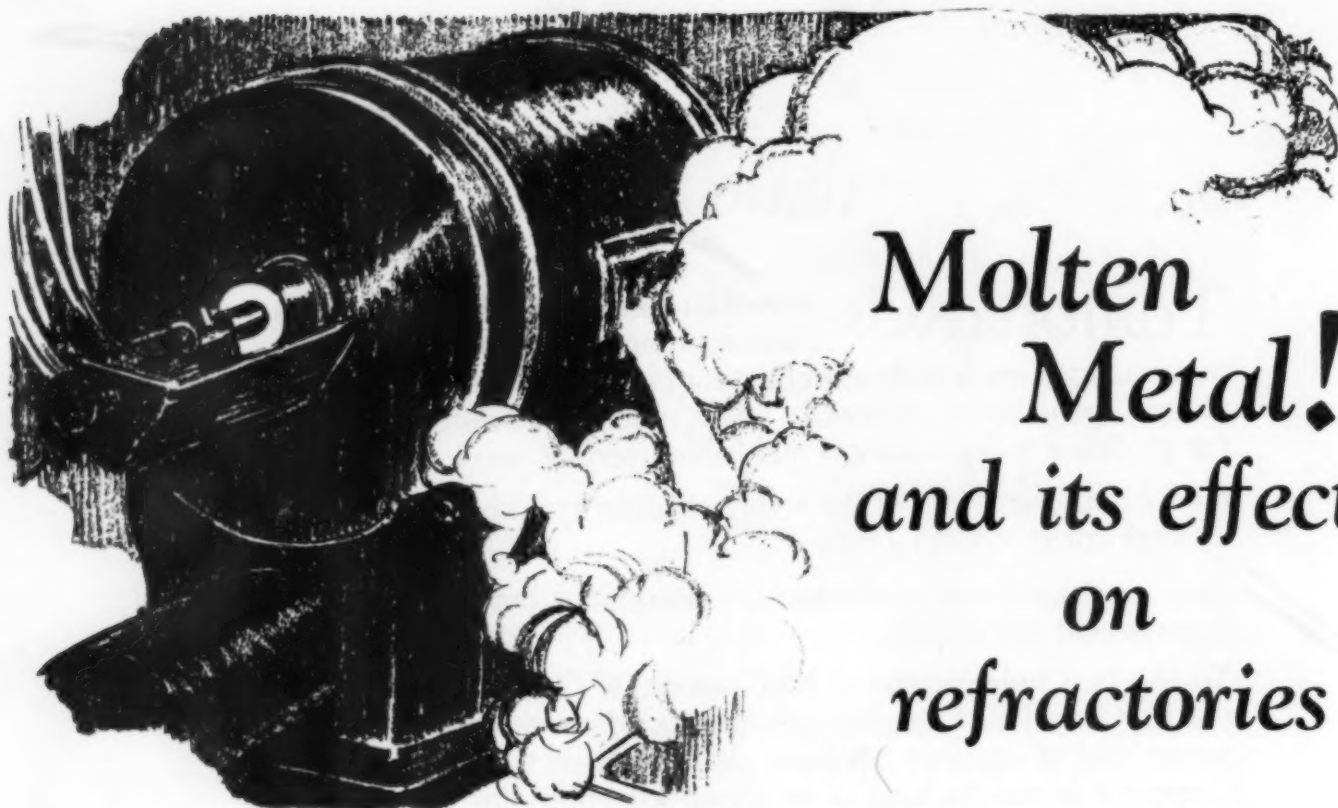


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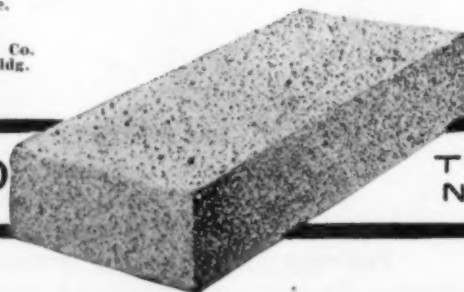
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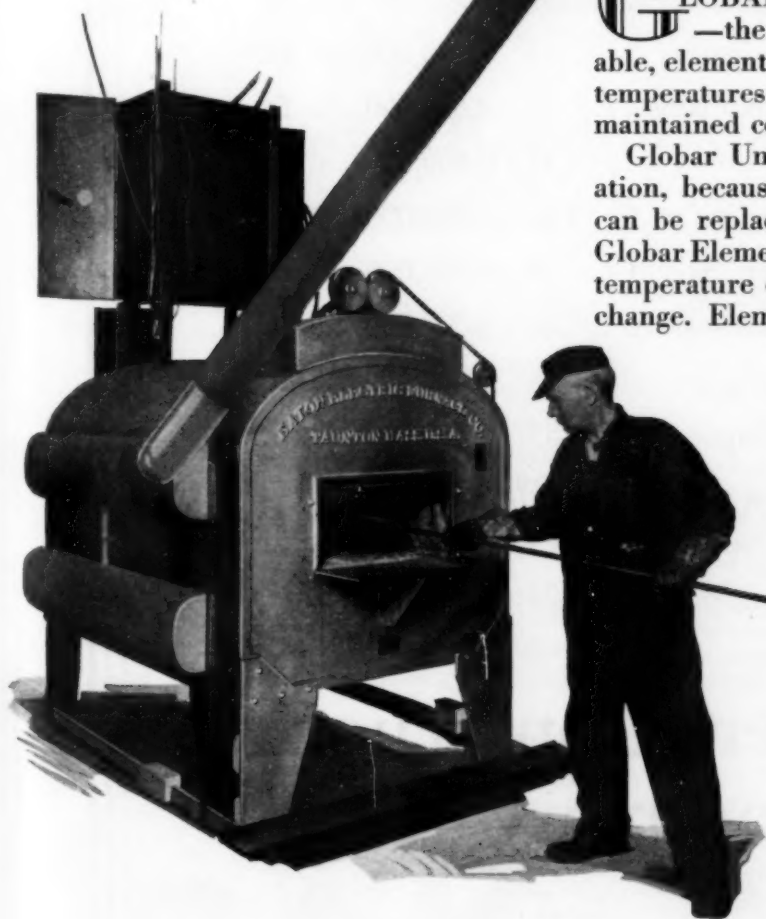
Its coefficient of expansion is so low that there is practically no change in a six-foot unit, operating at 2500°F. It is sturdy, durable. It cannot short circuit—it cannot melt or fuse—it does not scale.

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Consumers Power Company.... JACKSON, MICH.	15	1,500,000 cu. ft.
Winnipeg Electric Company.... WINNIPEG, CANADA	17	2,600,000 cu. ft.
Utica Gas & Electric Co..... UTICA, N. Y.	42	6,600,000 cu. ft.
Lynn Gas & Electric Co..... LYNN, MASS.	11	1,750,000 cu. ft.
Northern Indiana Pub. Serv. Co. FORT WAYNE, IND.	19	3,000,000 cu. ft.
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Consolidated Gas Company..... NEW YORK, N. Y.	74	20,000,000 cu. ft.
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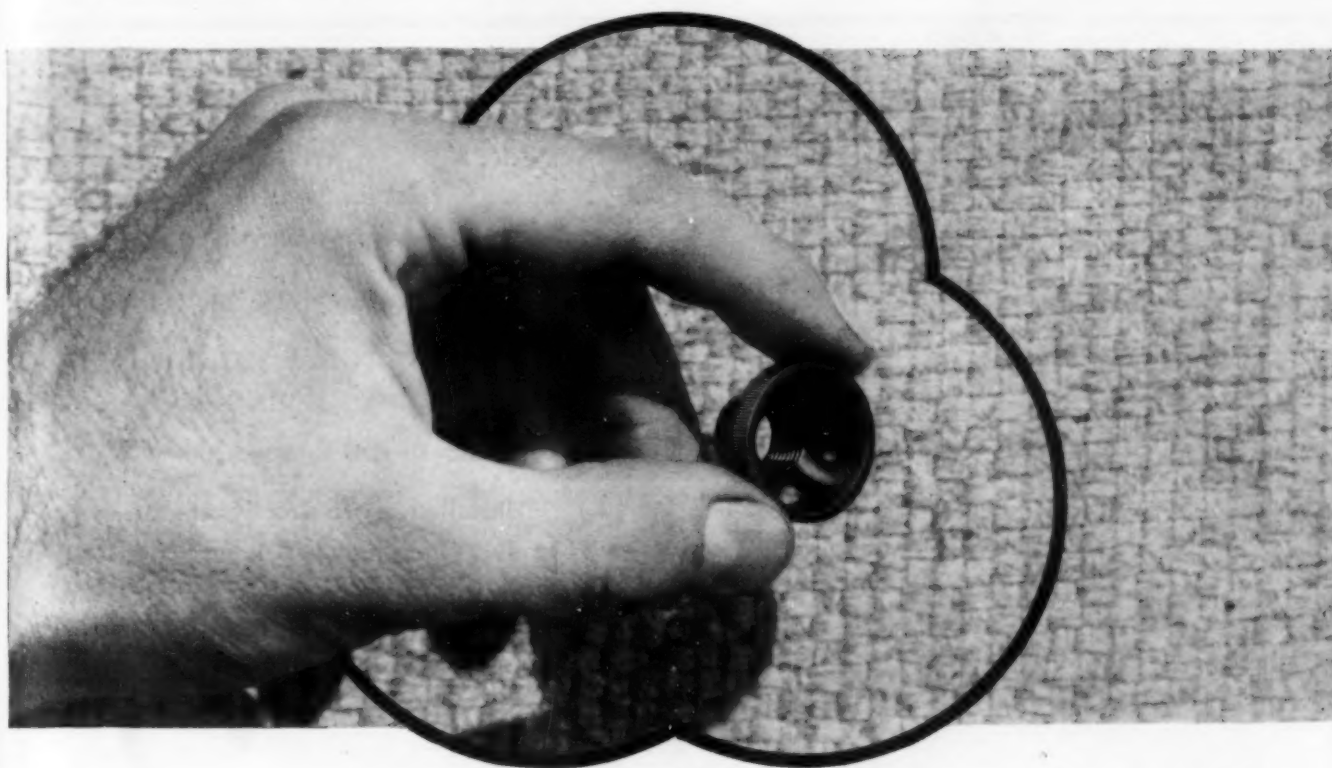
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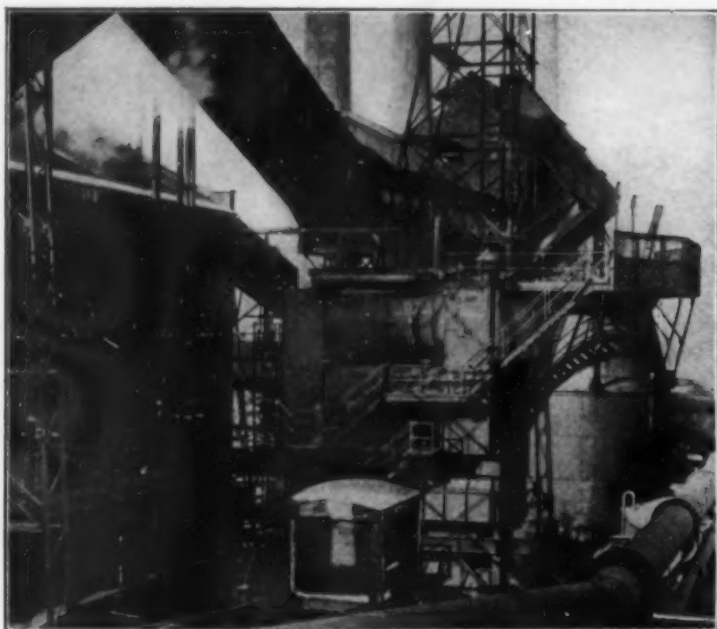
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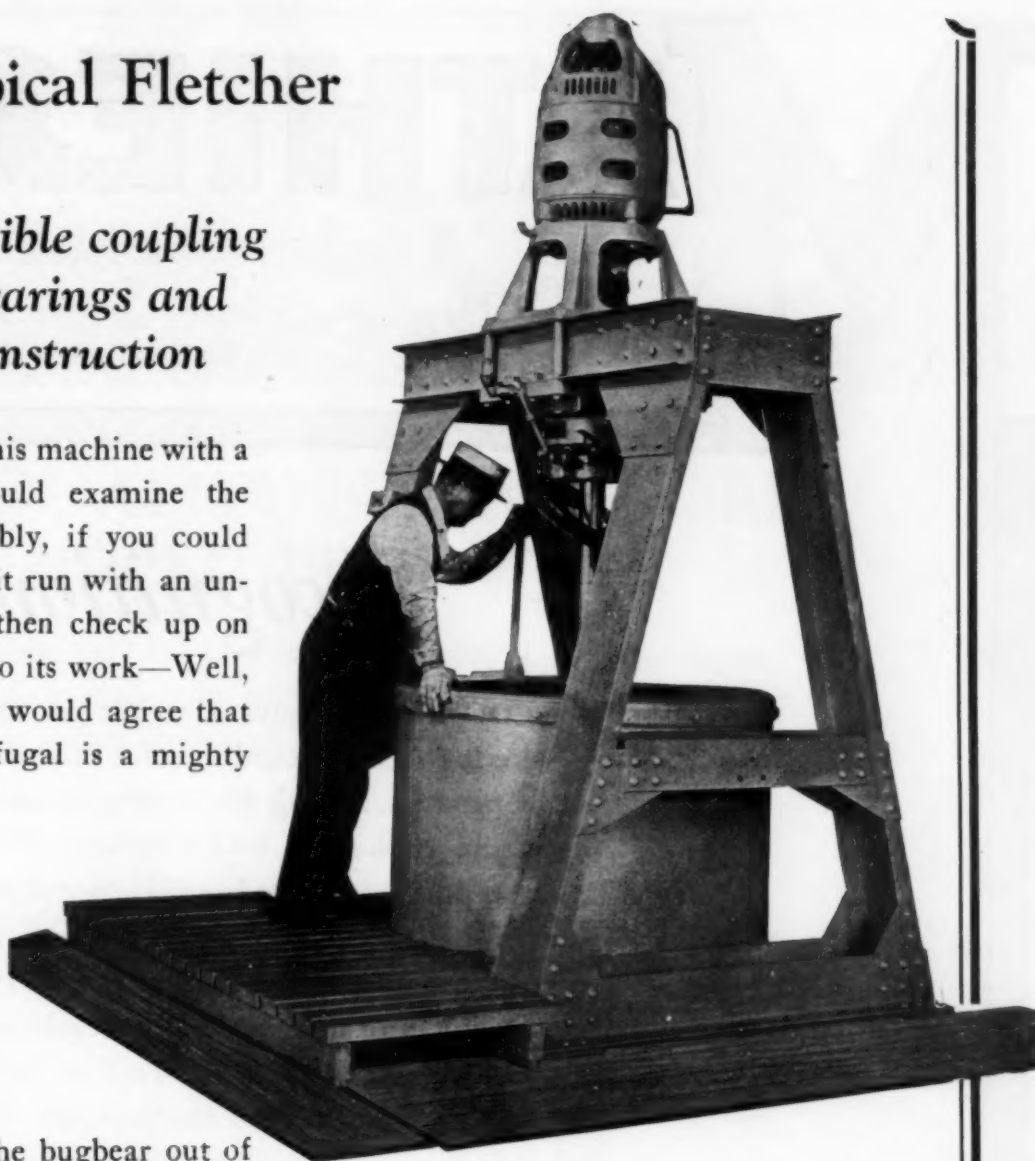
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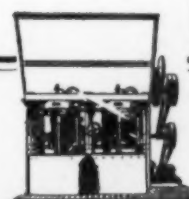
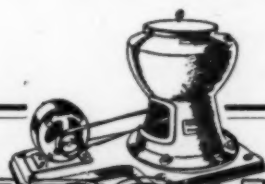
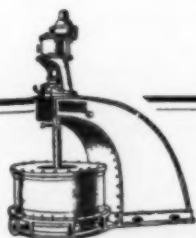
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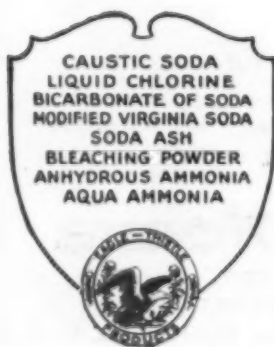
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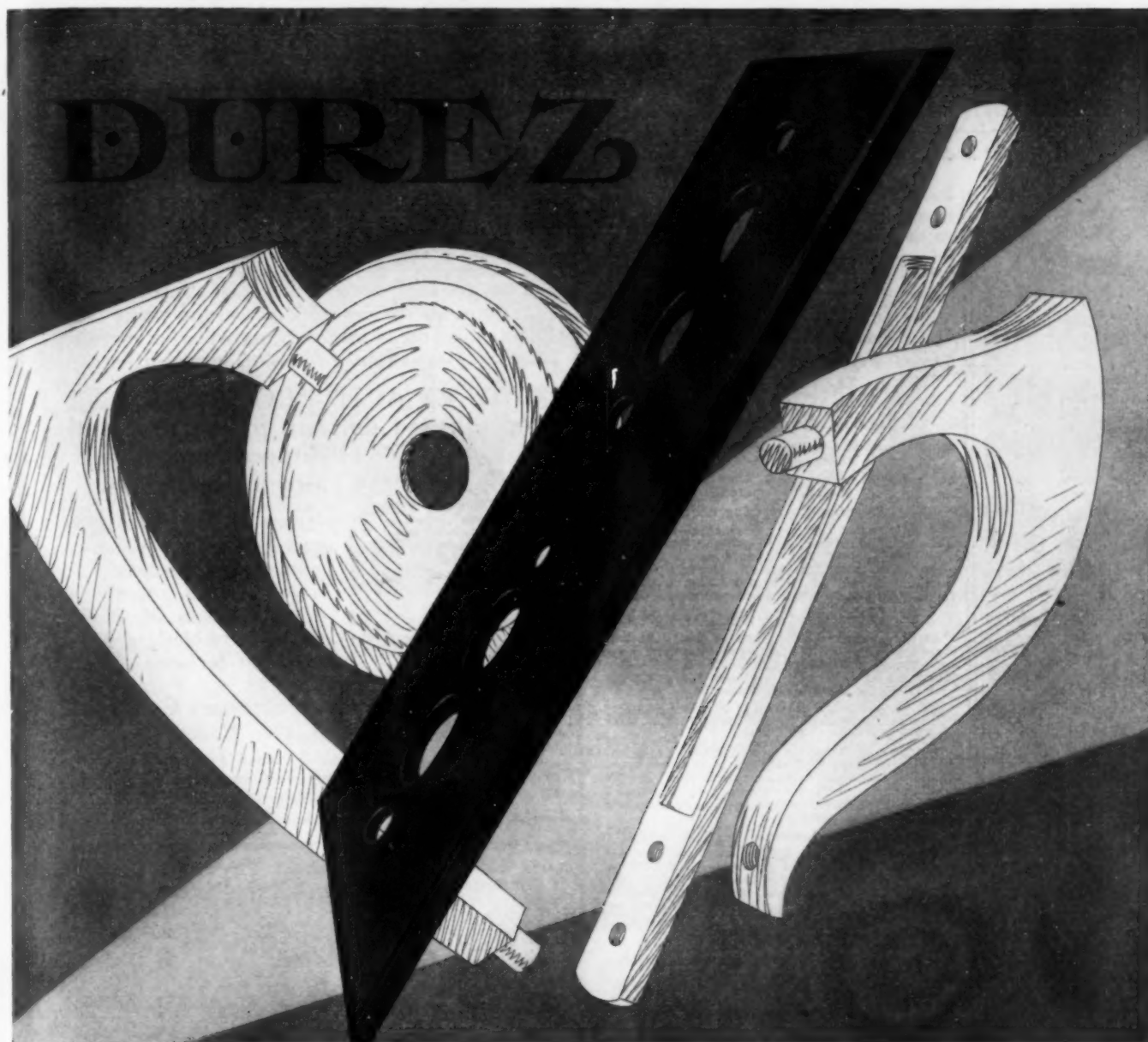
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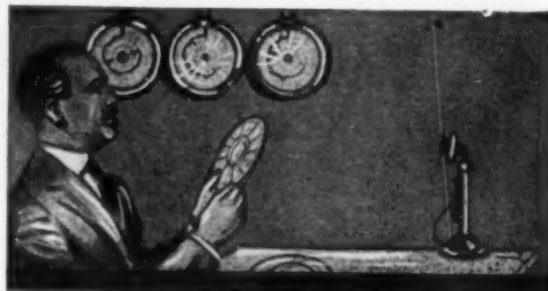
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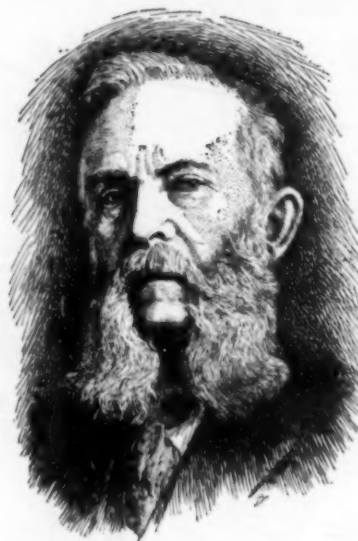
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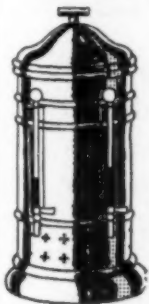
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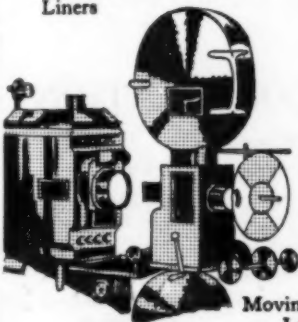


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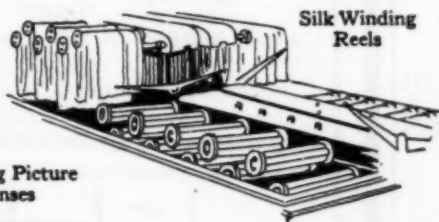


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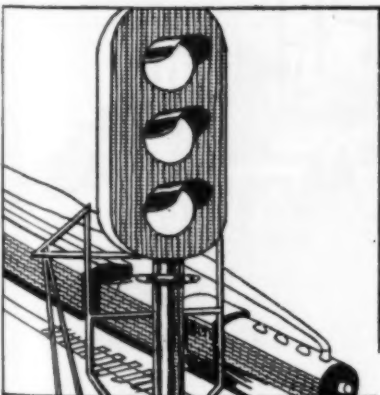
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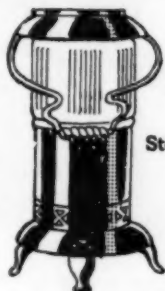
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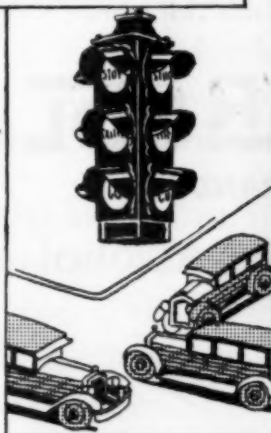
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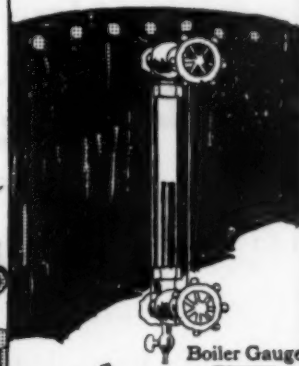
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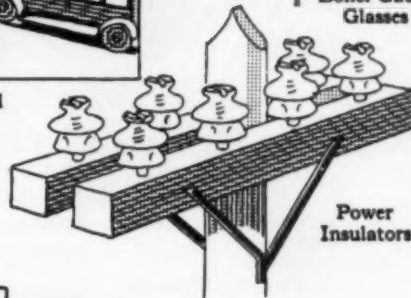
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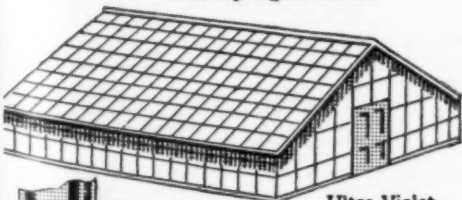
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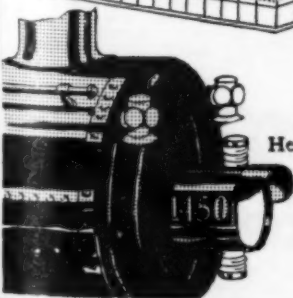
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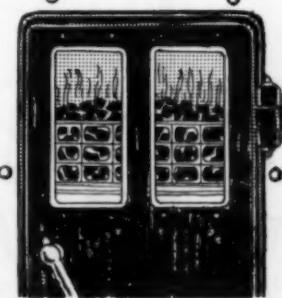


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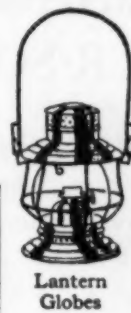


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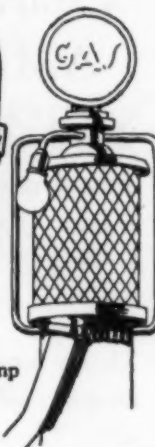


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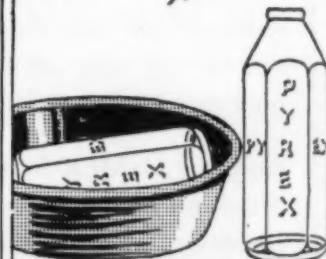
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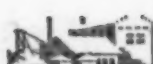
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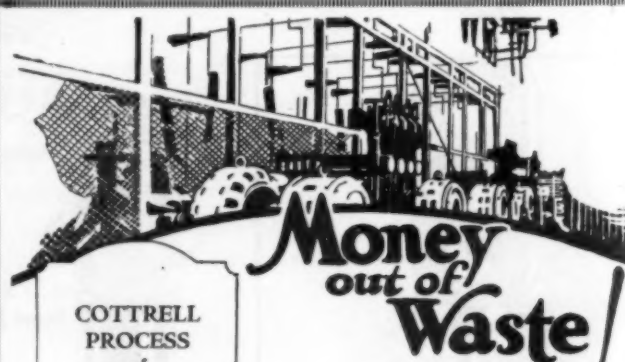
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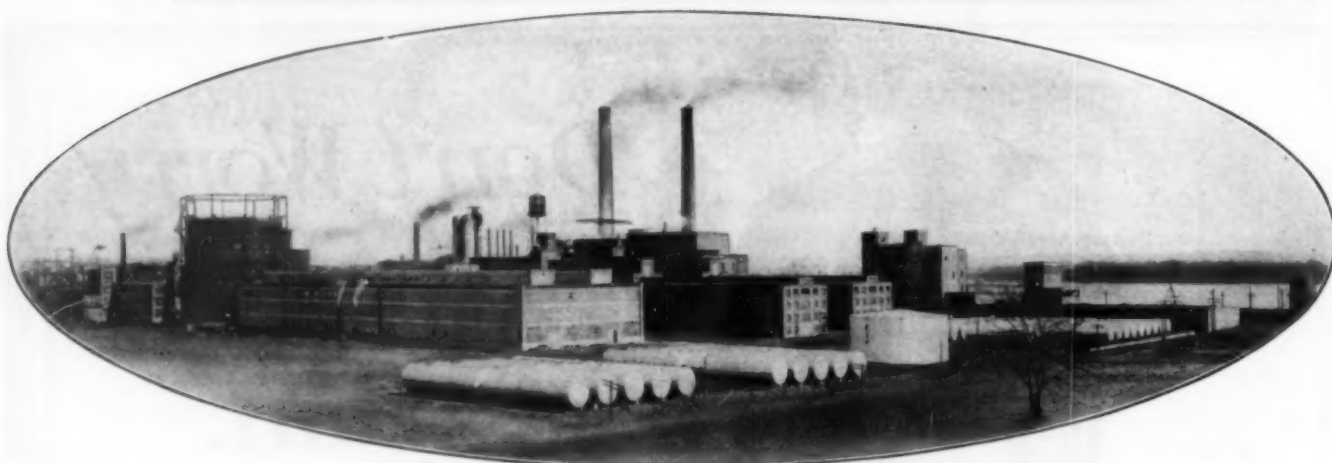
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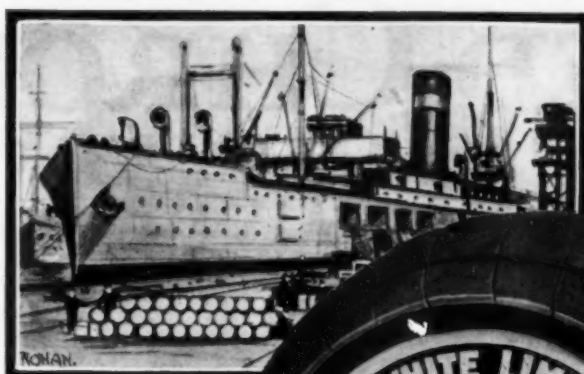
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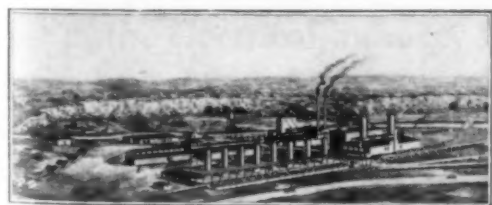
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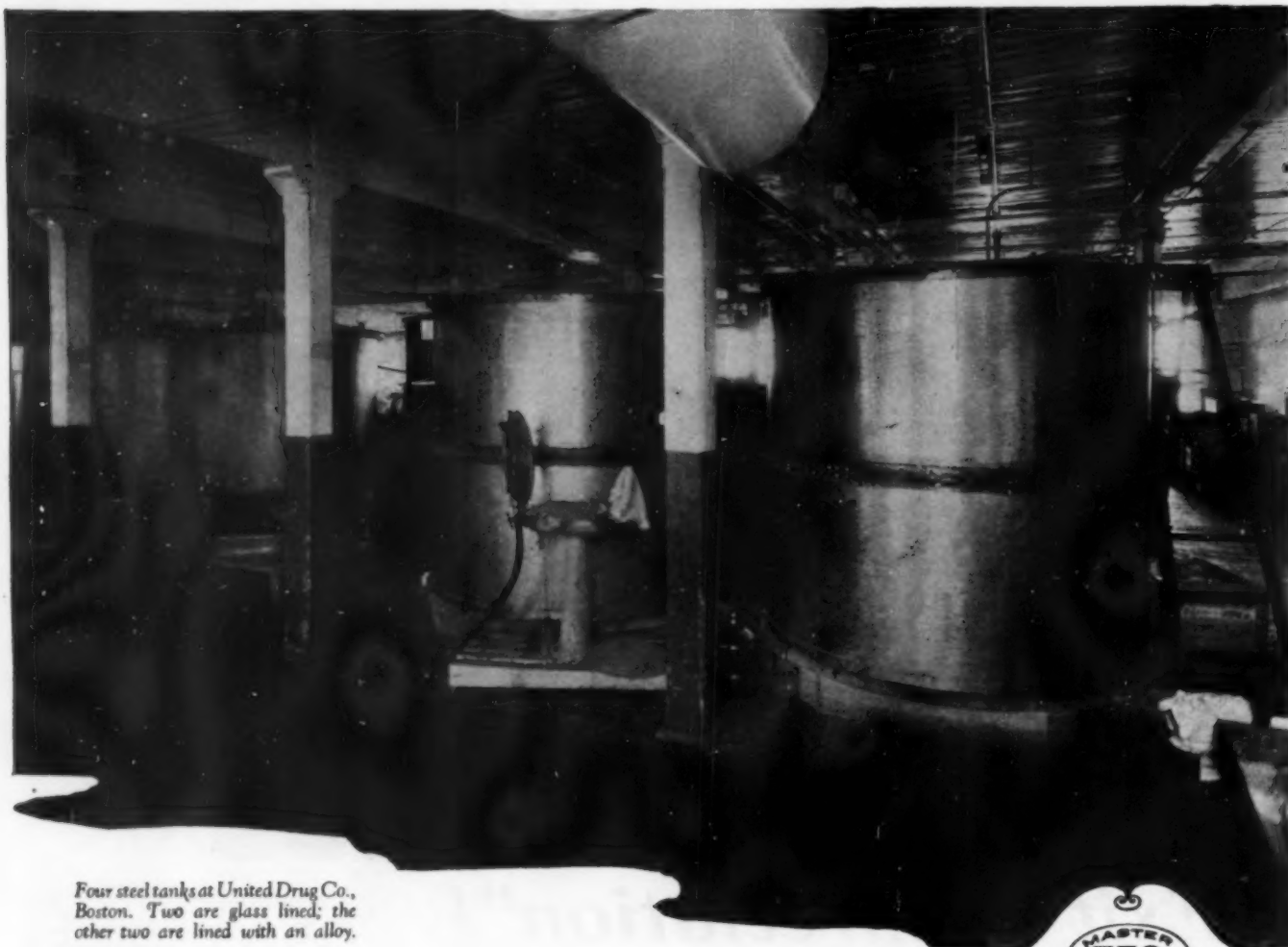
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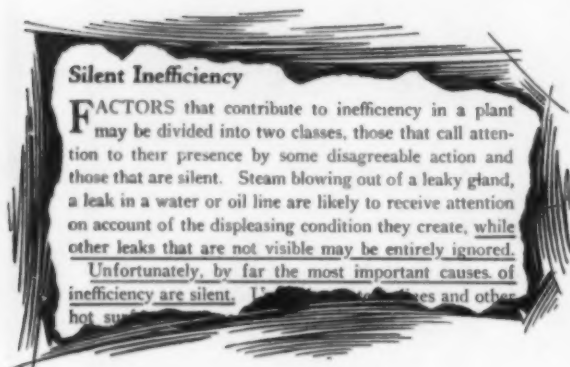


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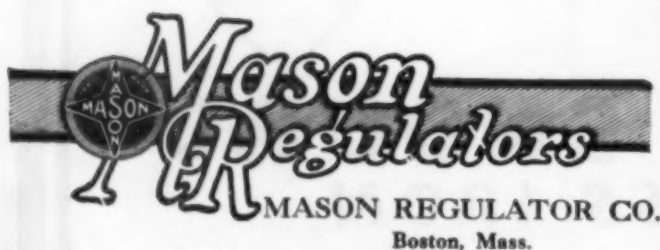


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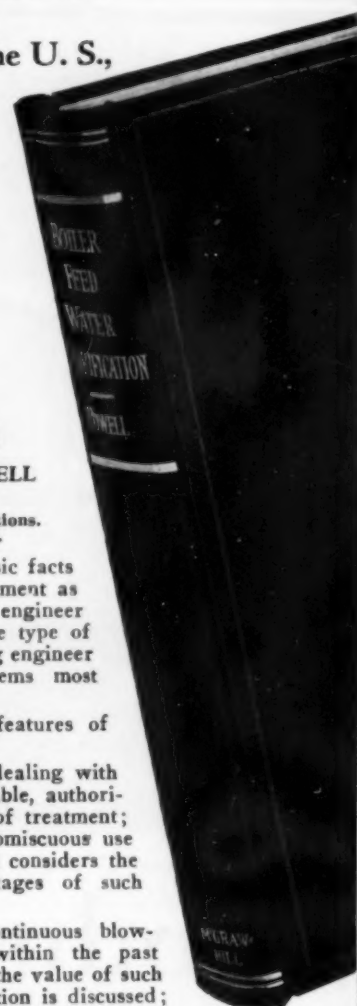
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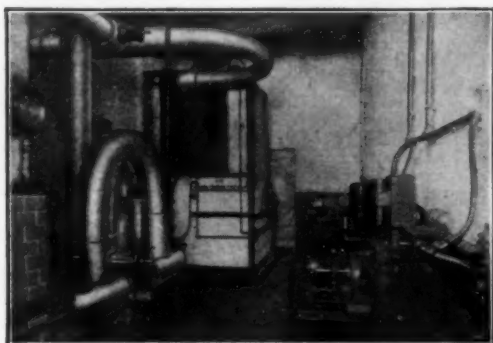




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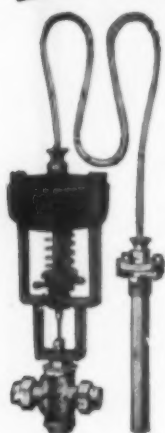
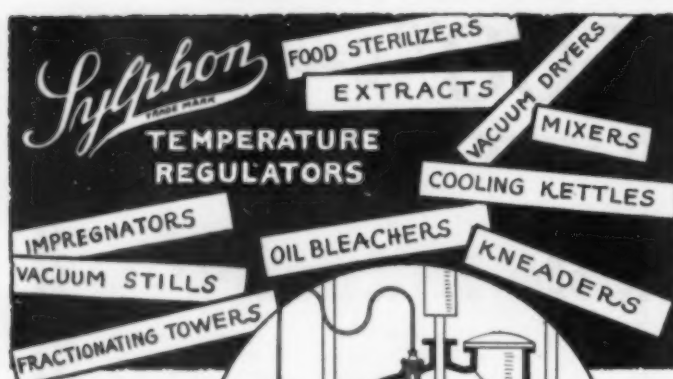
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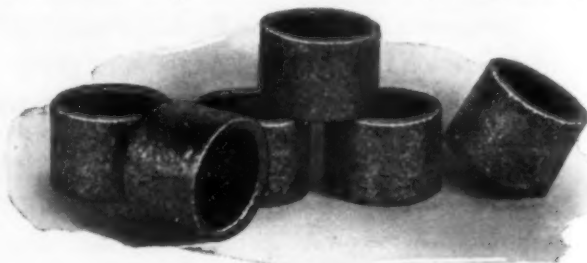


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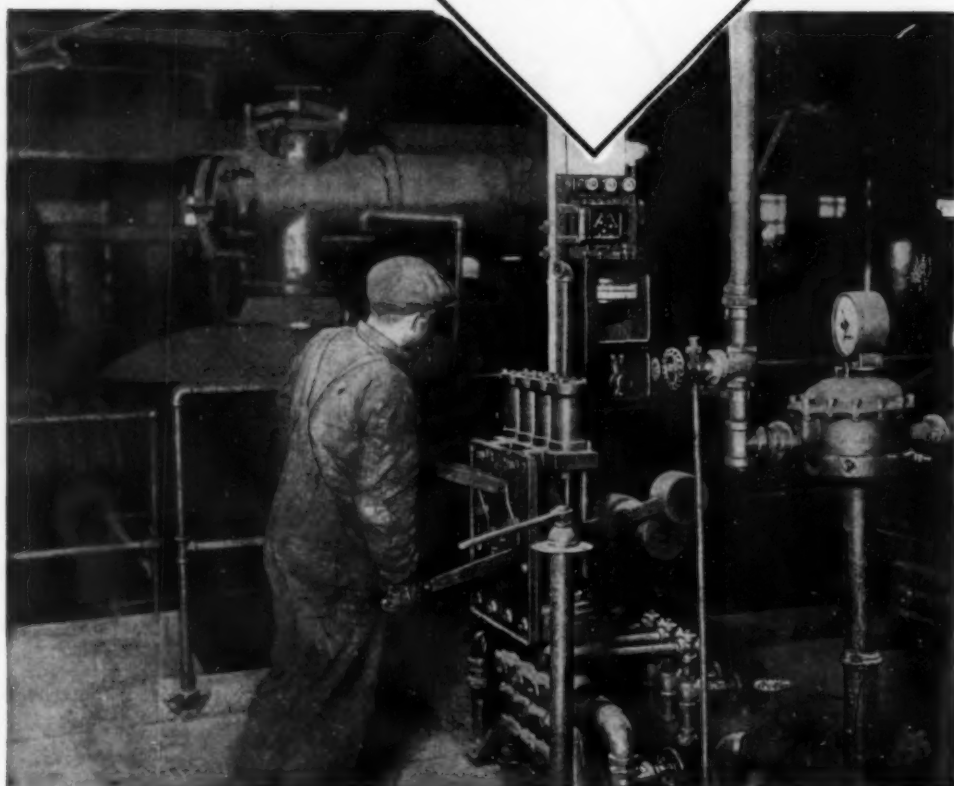
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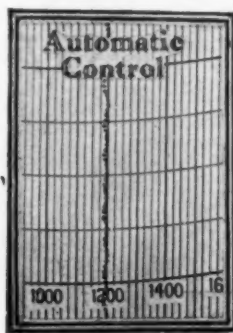
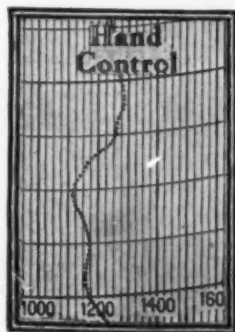
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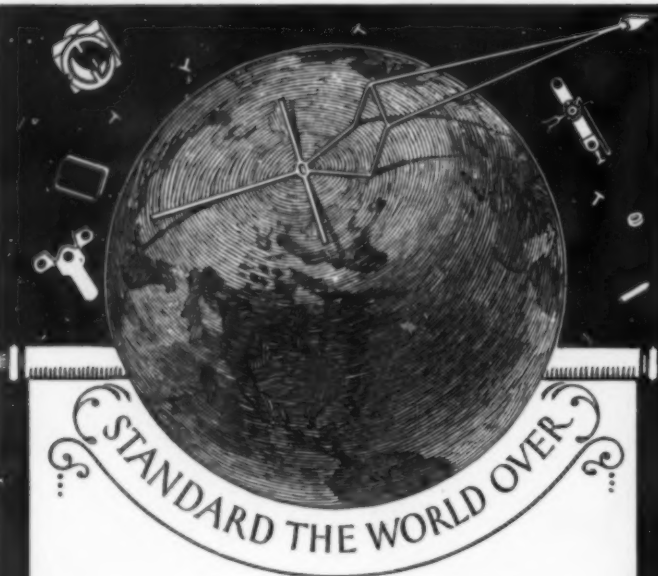
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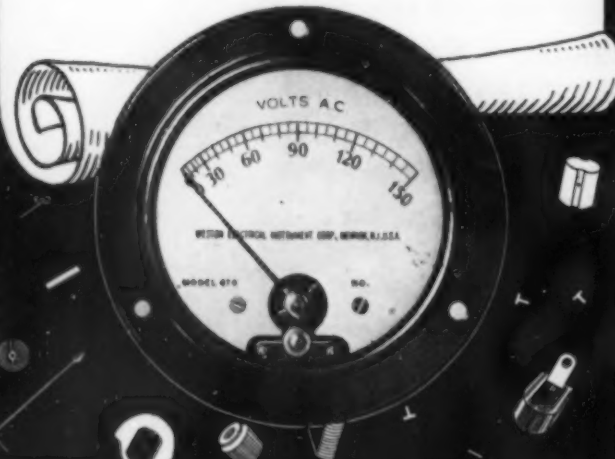
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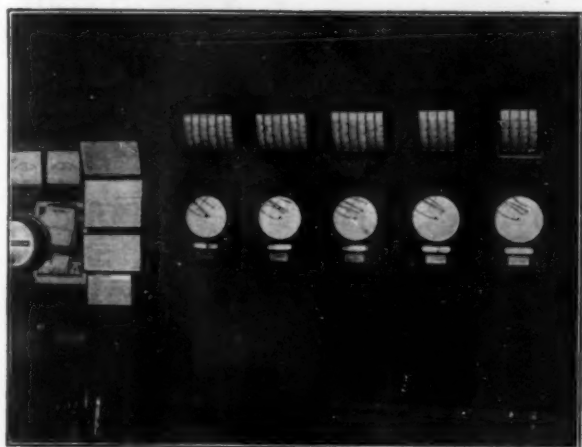
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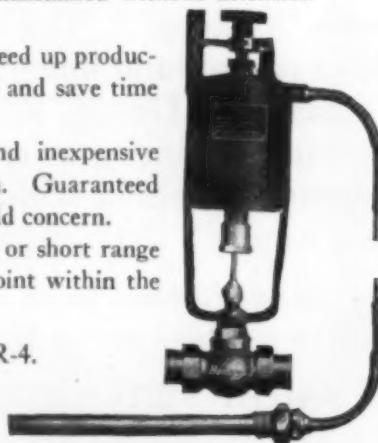
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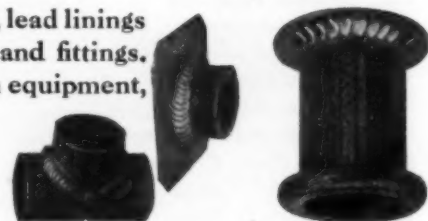
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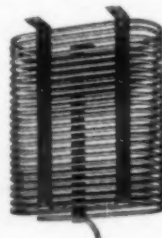
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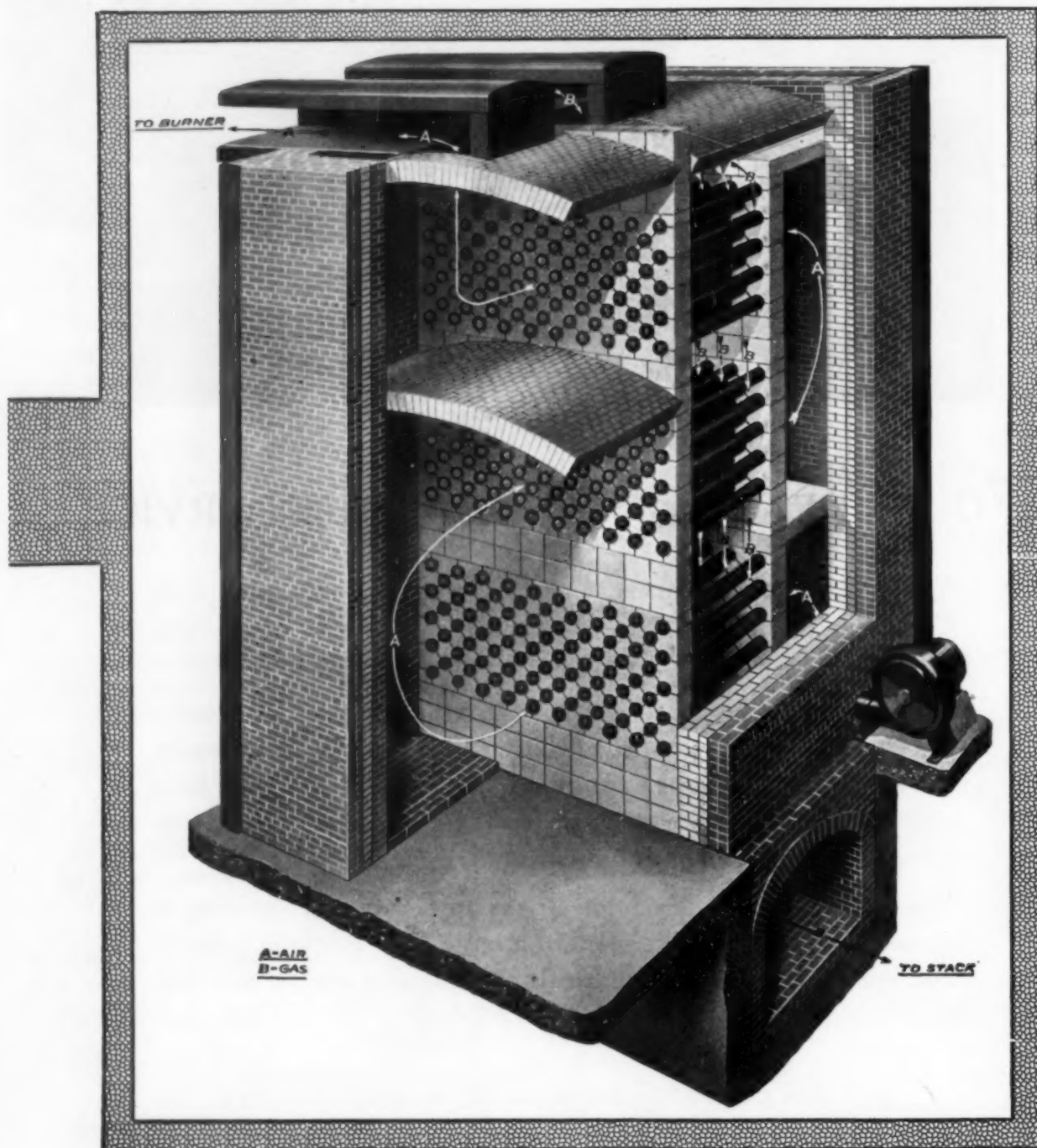
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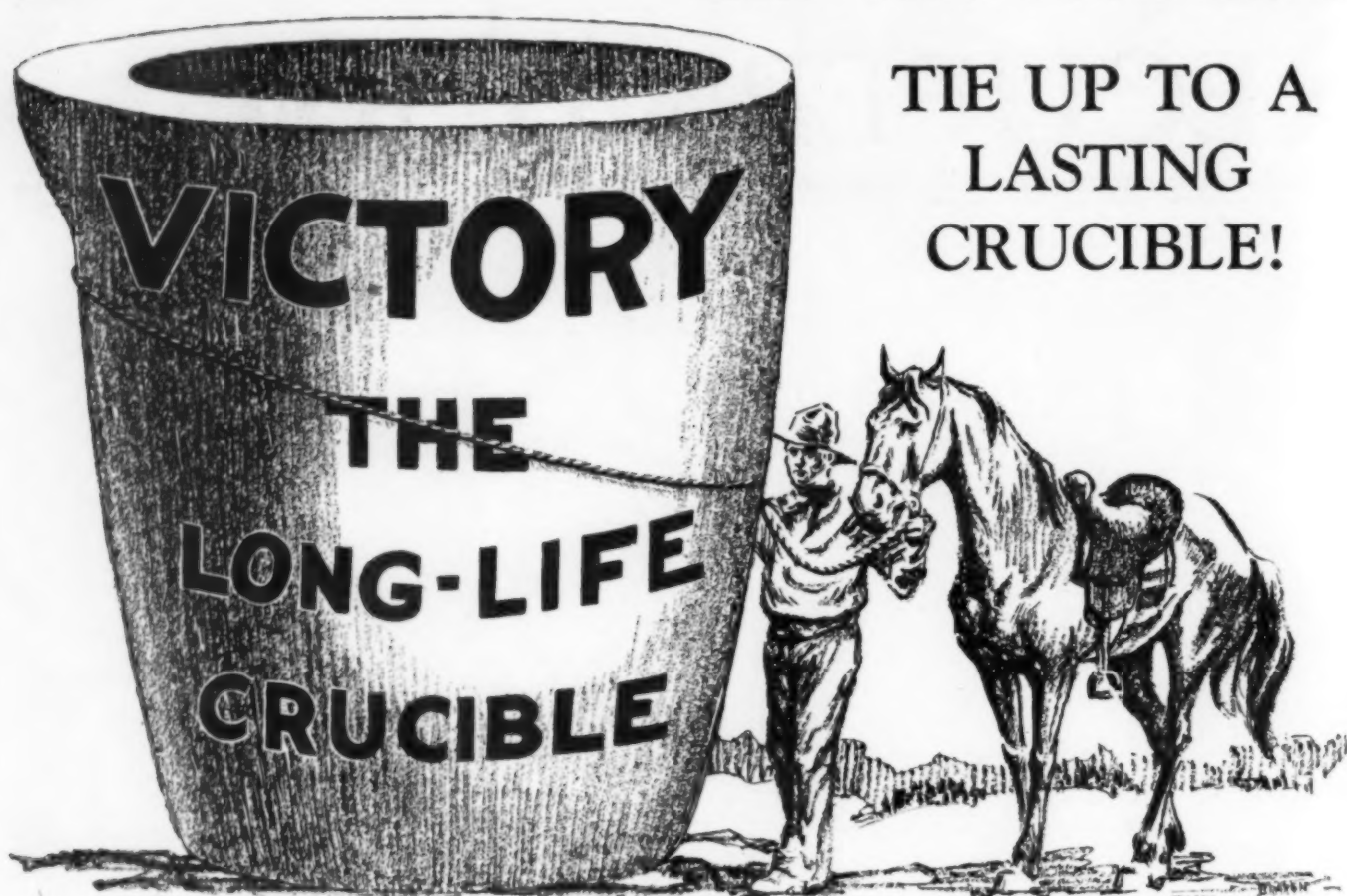
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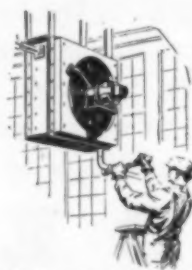
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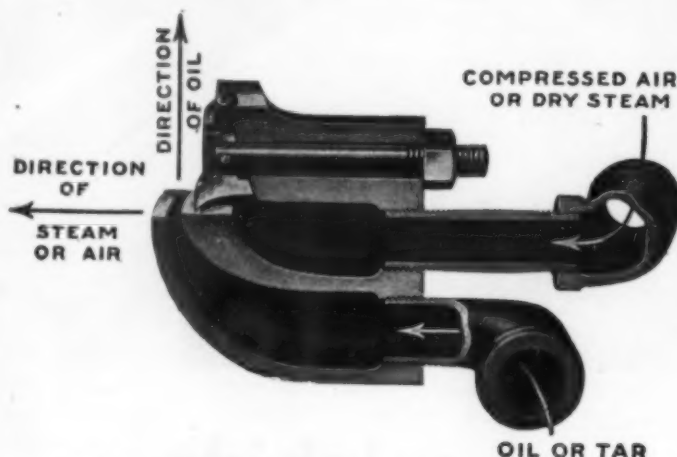
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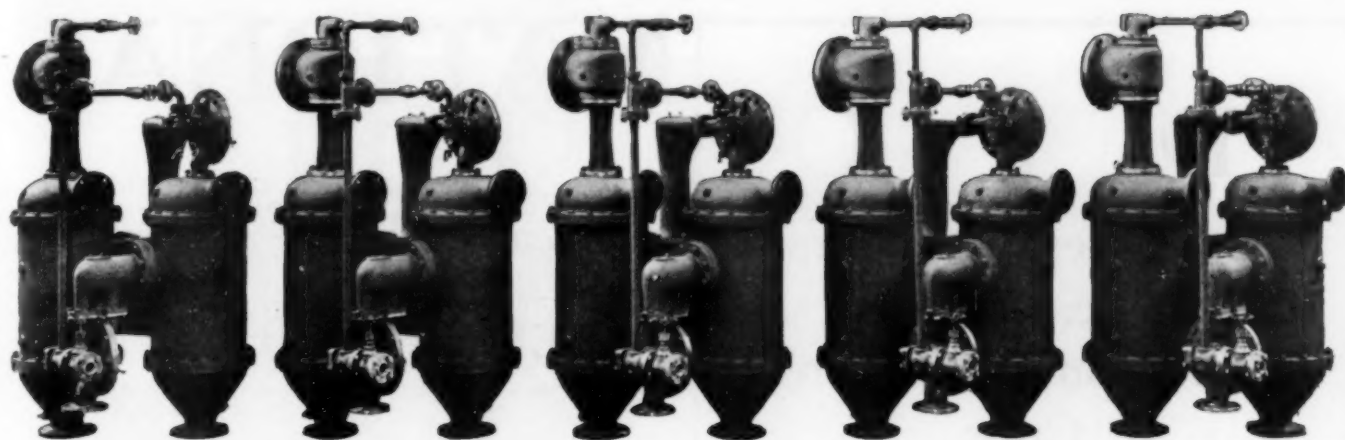


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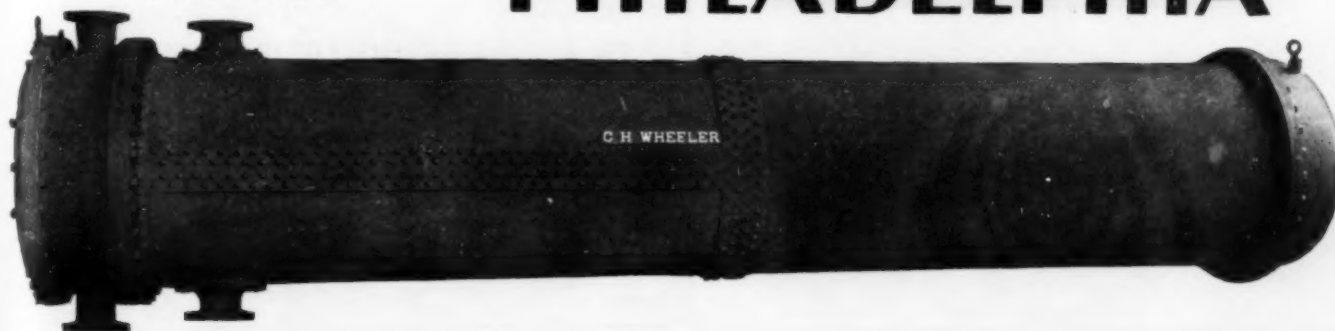
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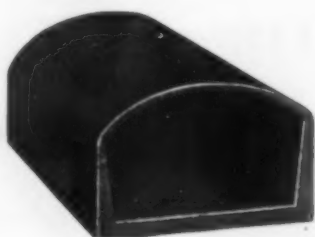
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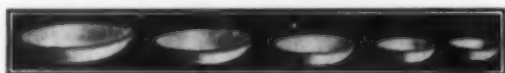


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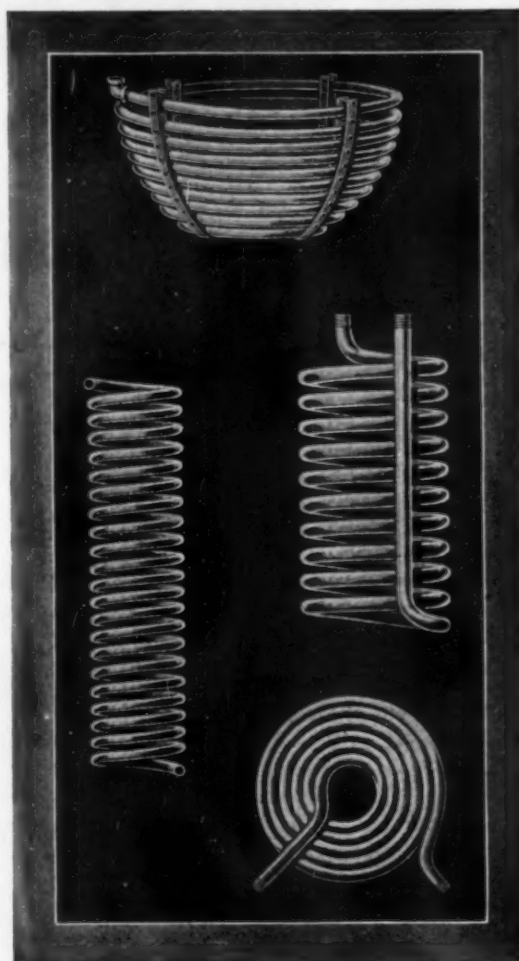
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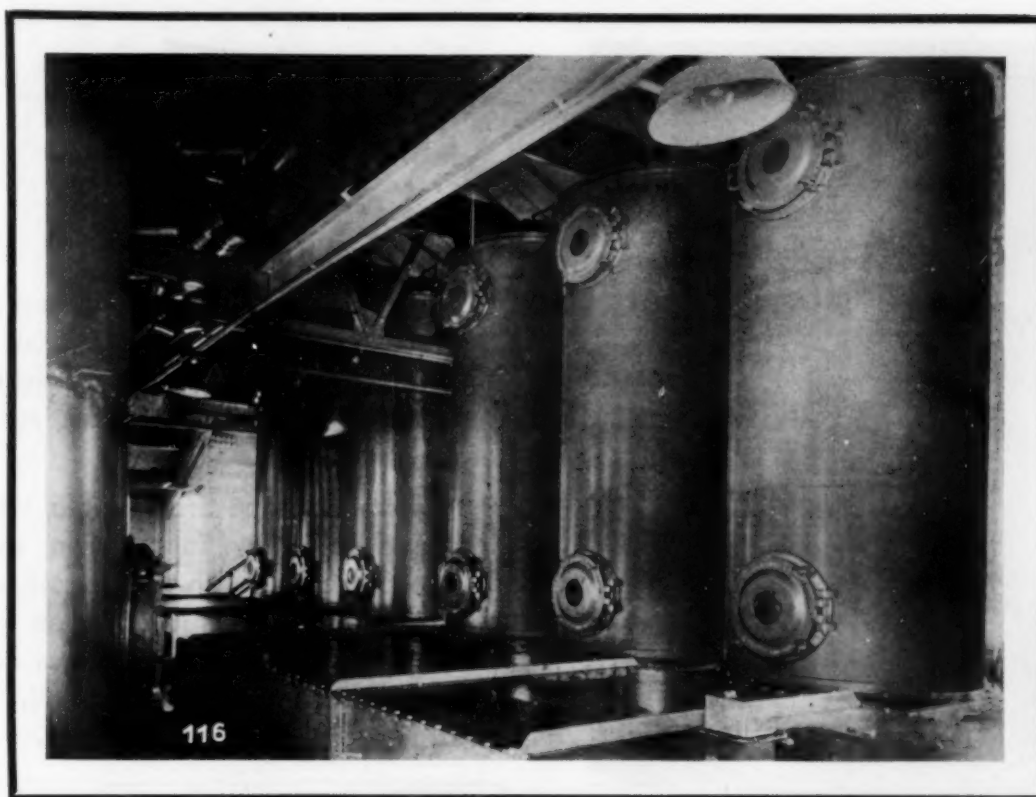
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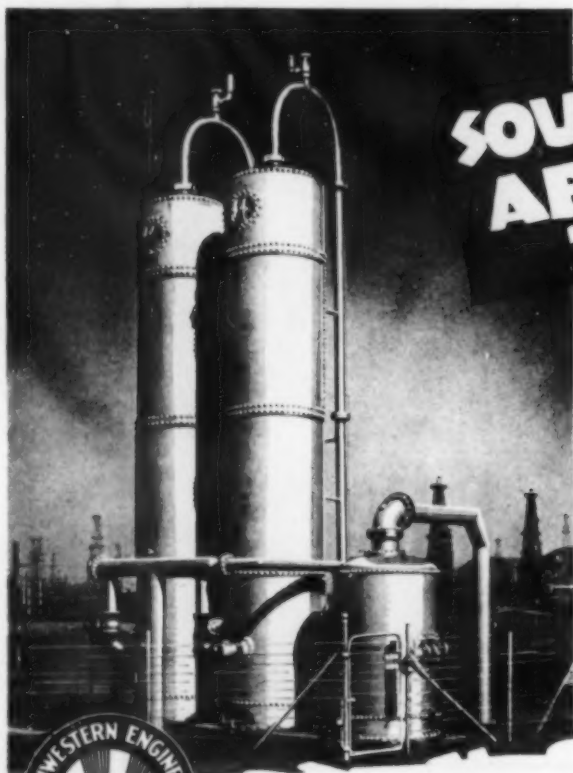
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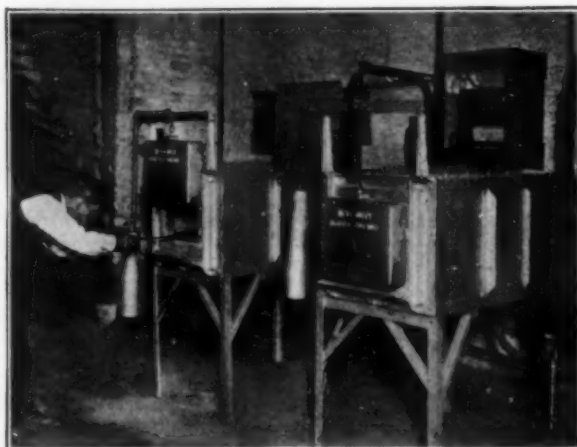
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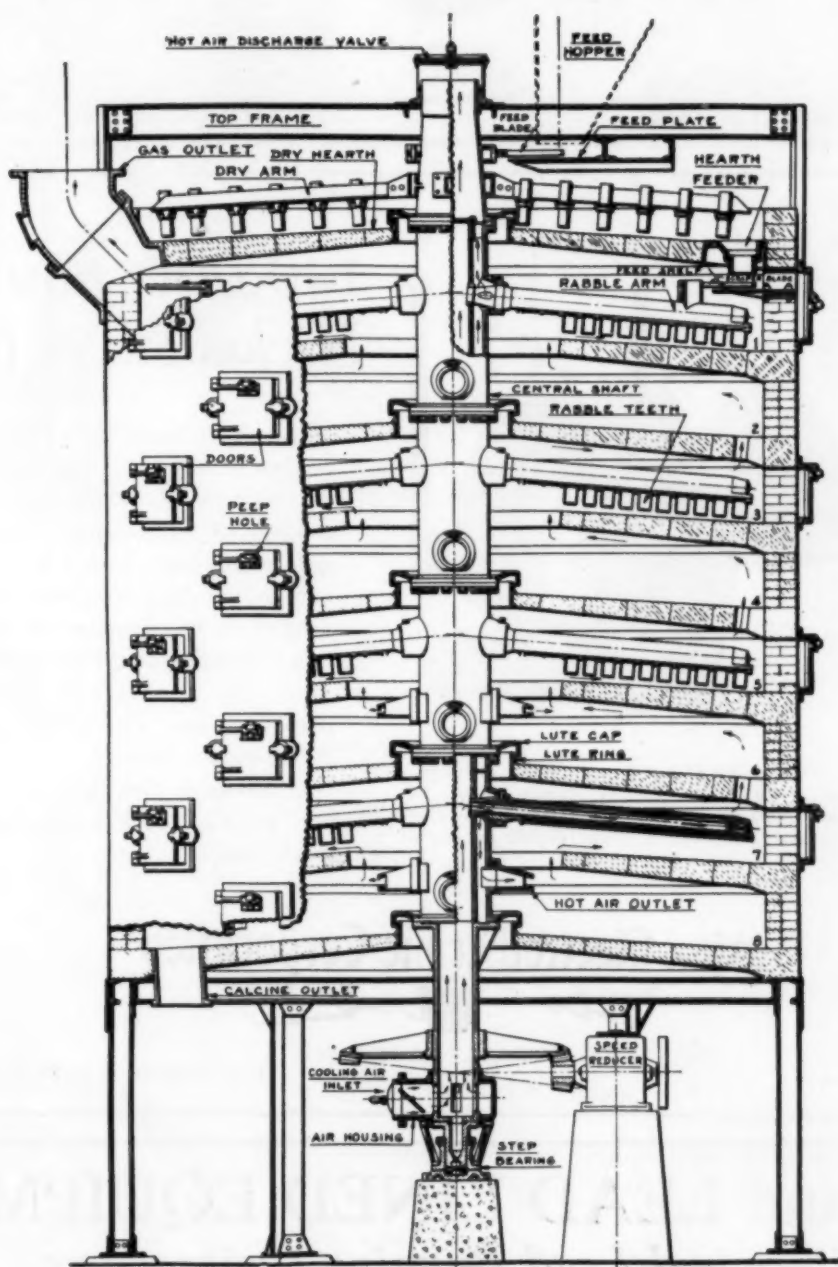
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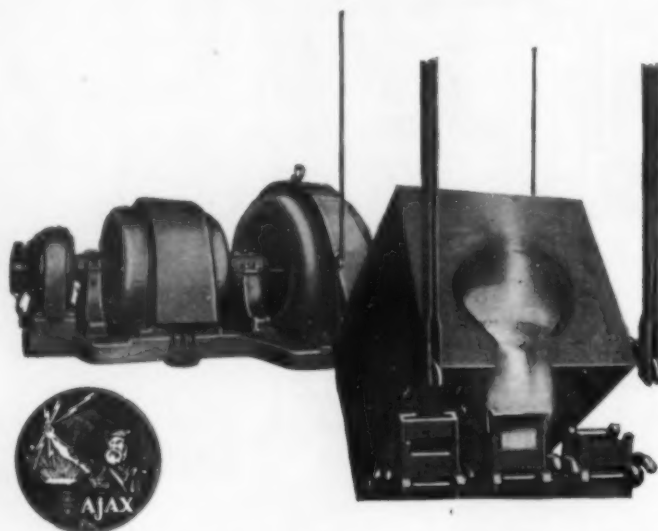
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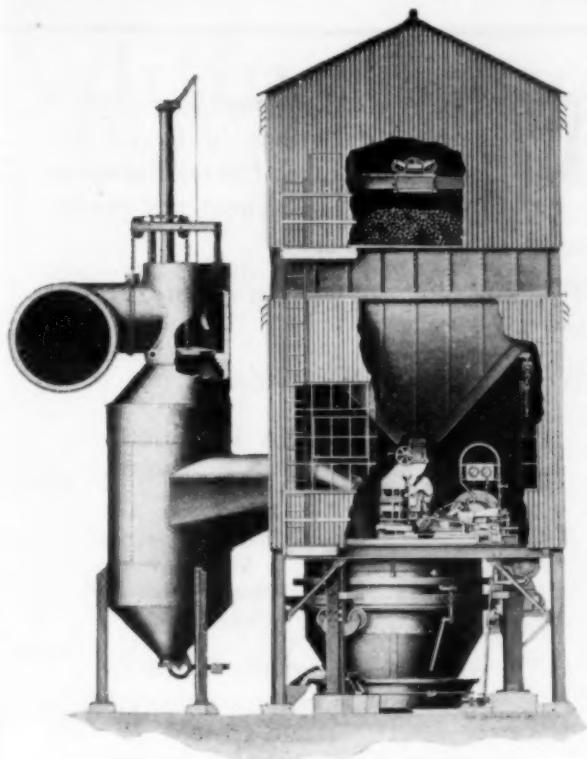
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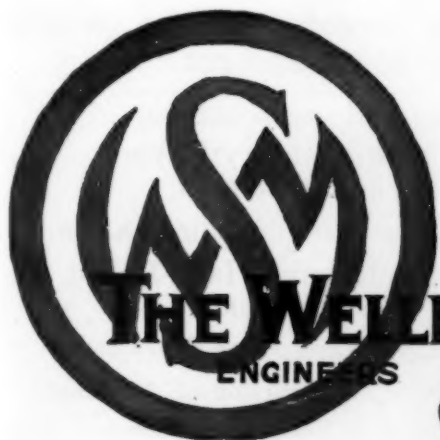
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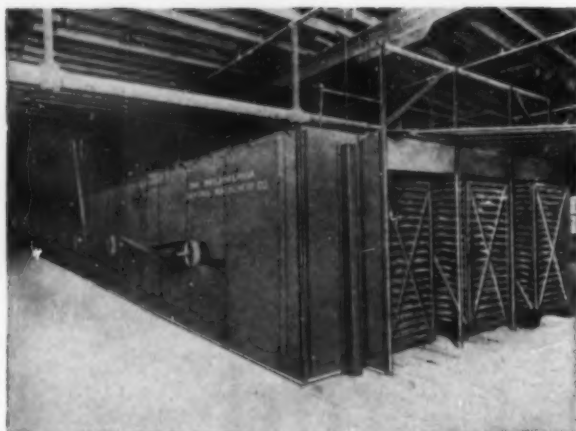


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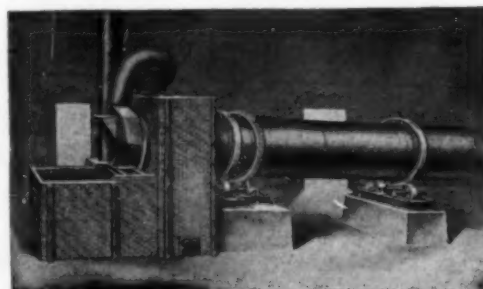
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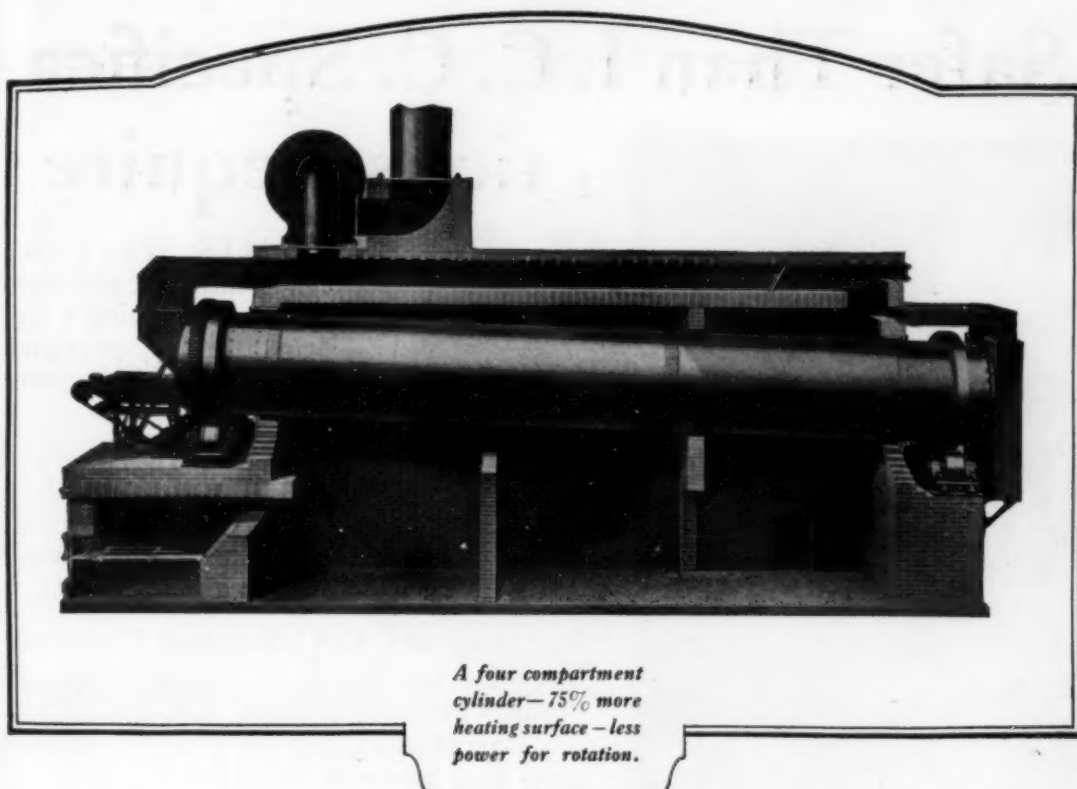
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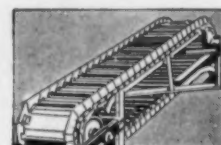
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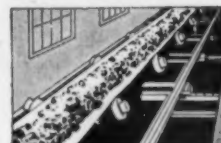
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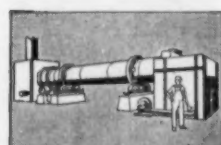
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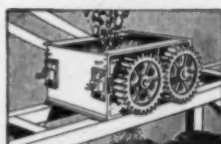
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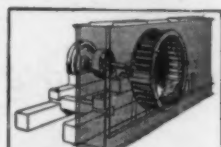
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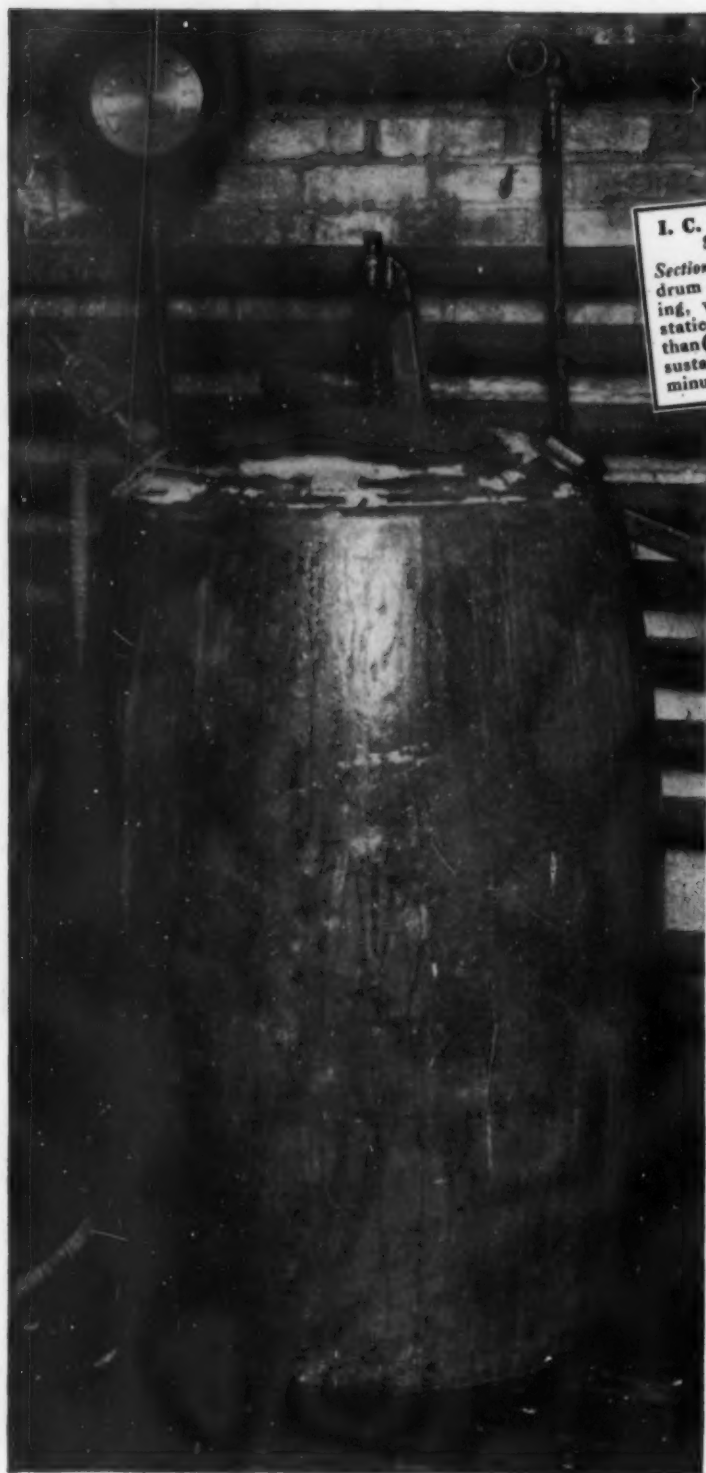
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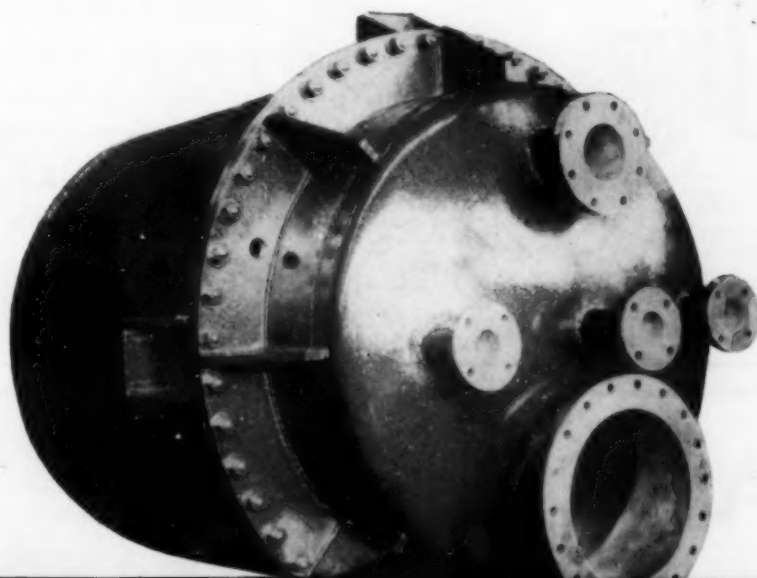
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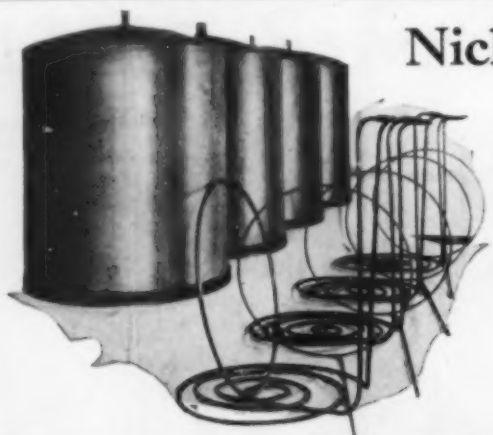
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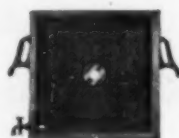
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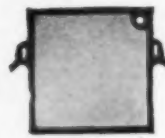
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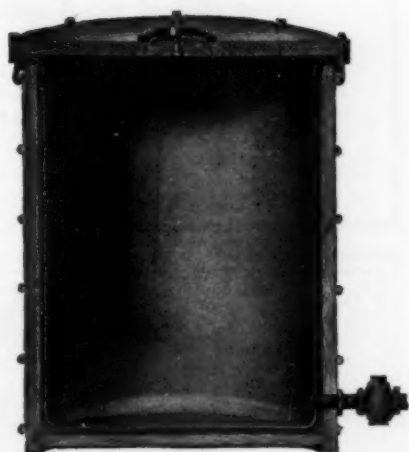
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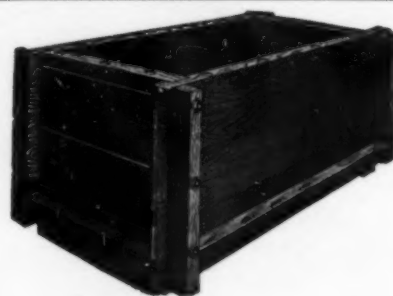
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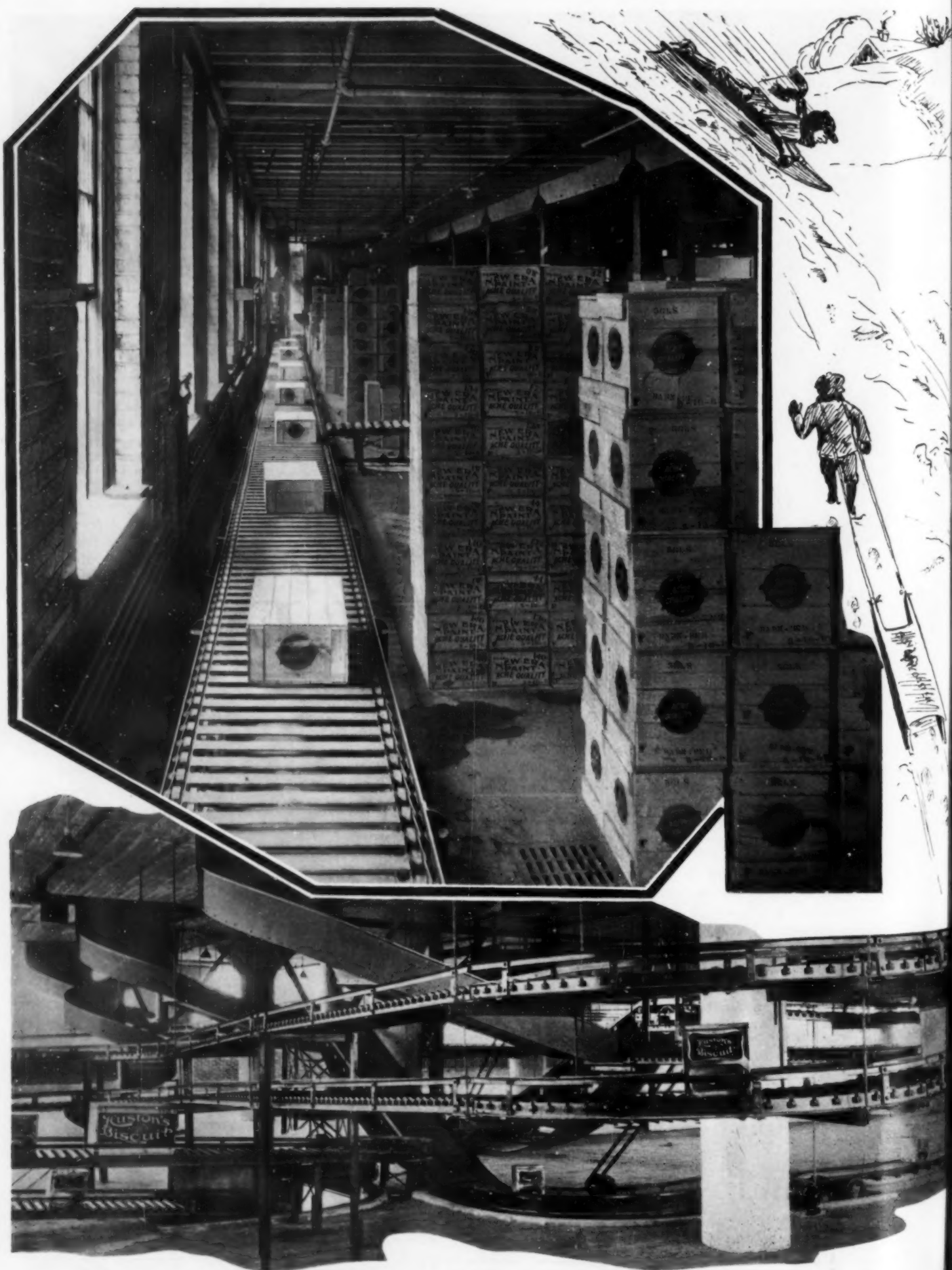
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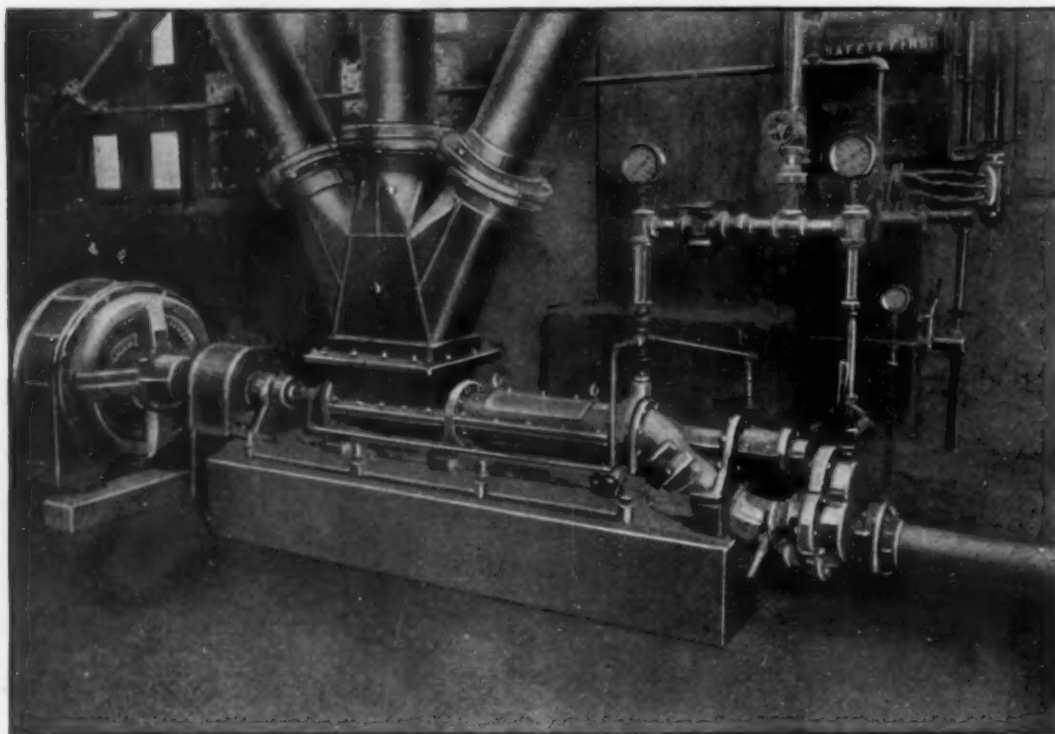
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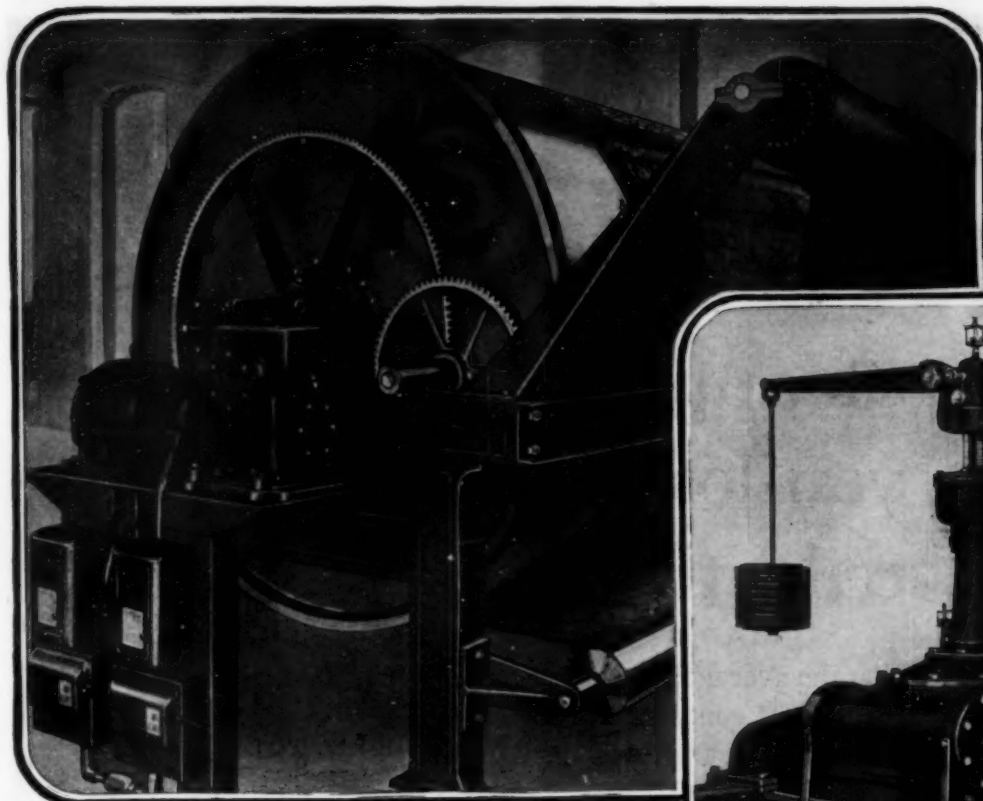
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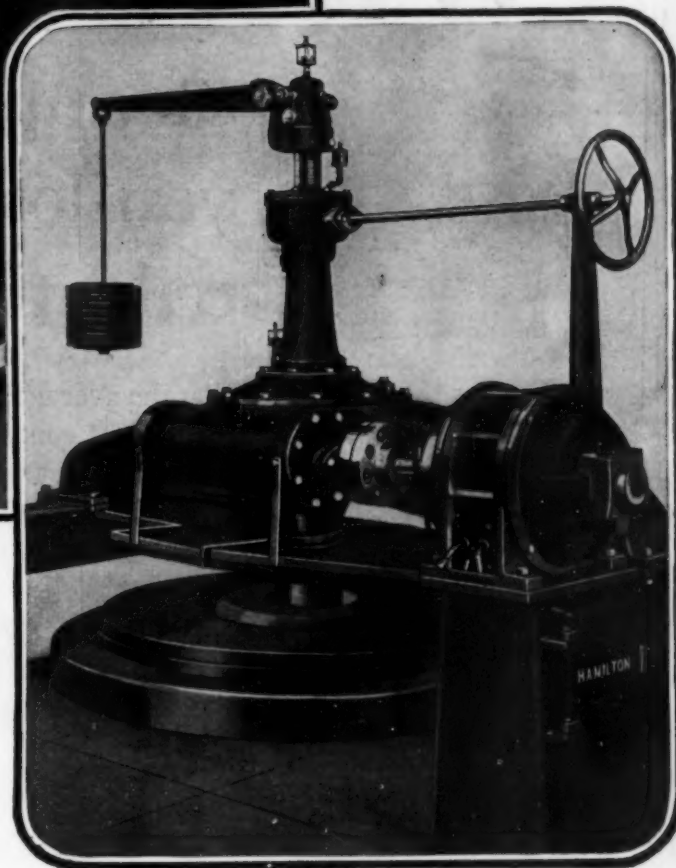
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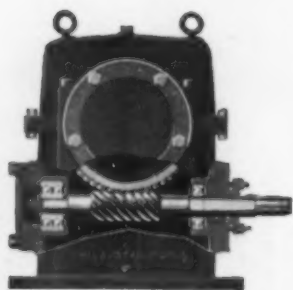
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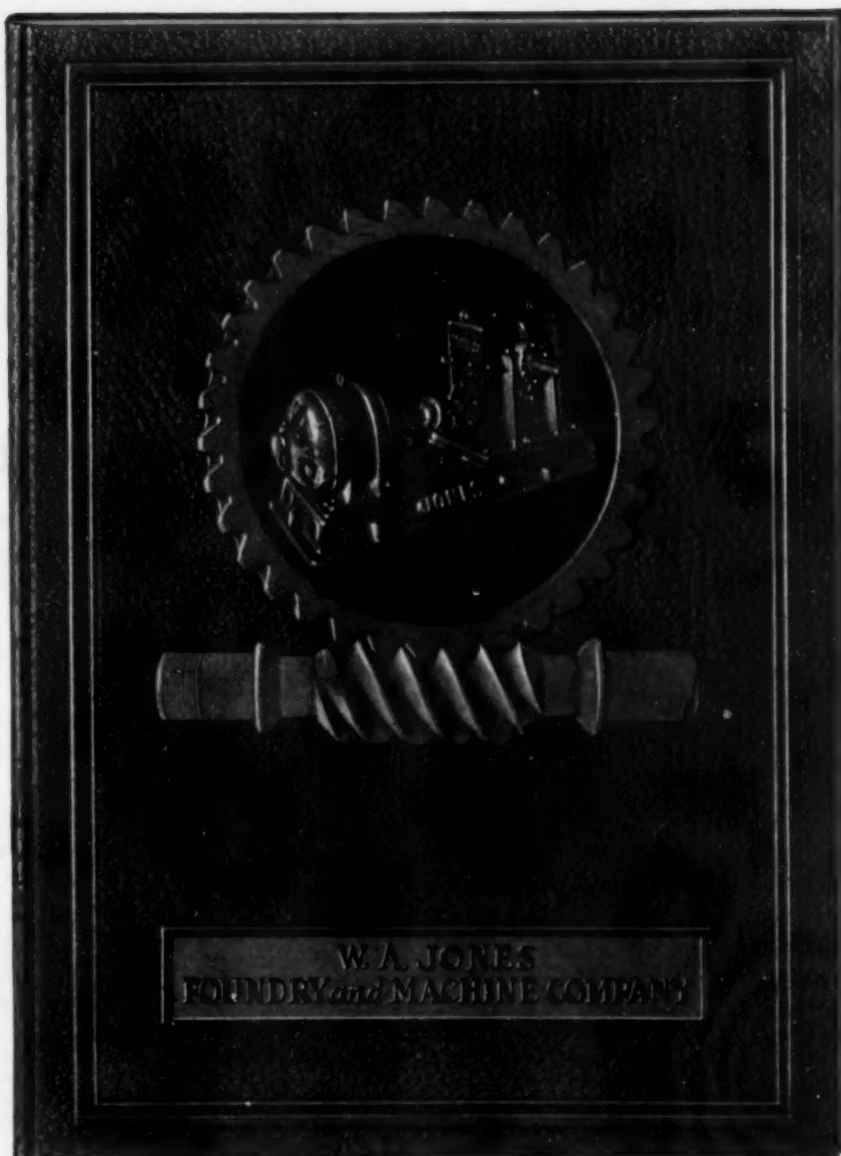
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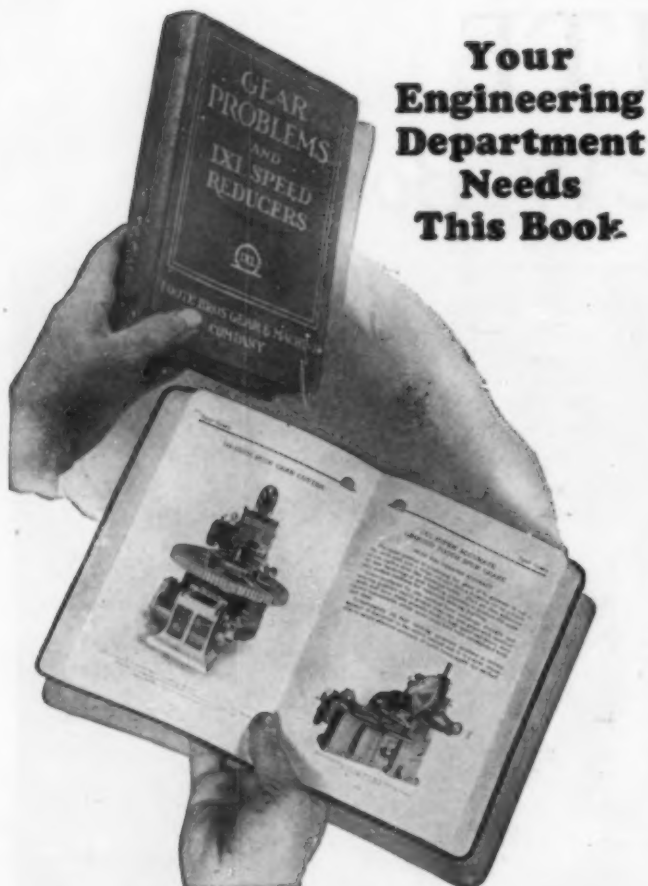


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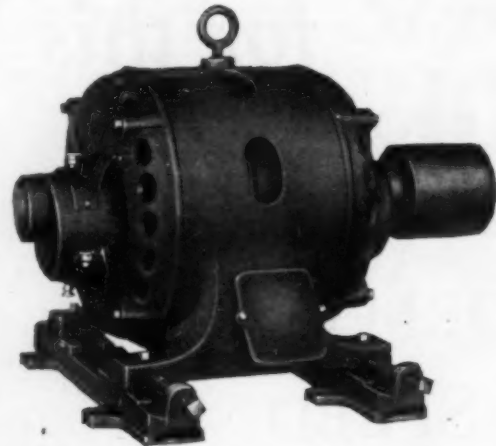
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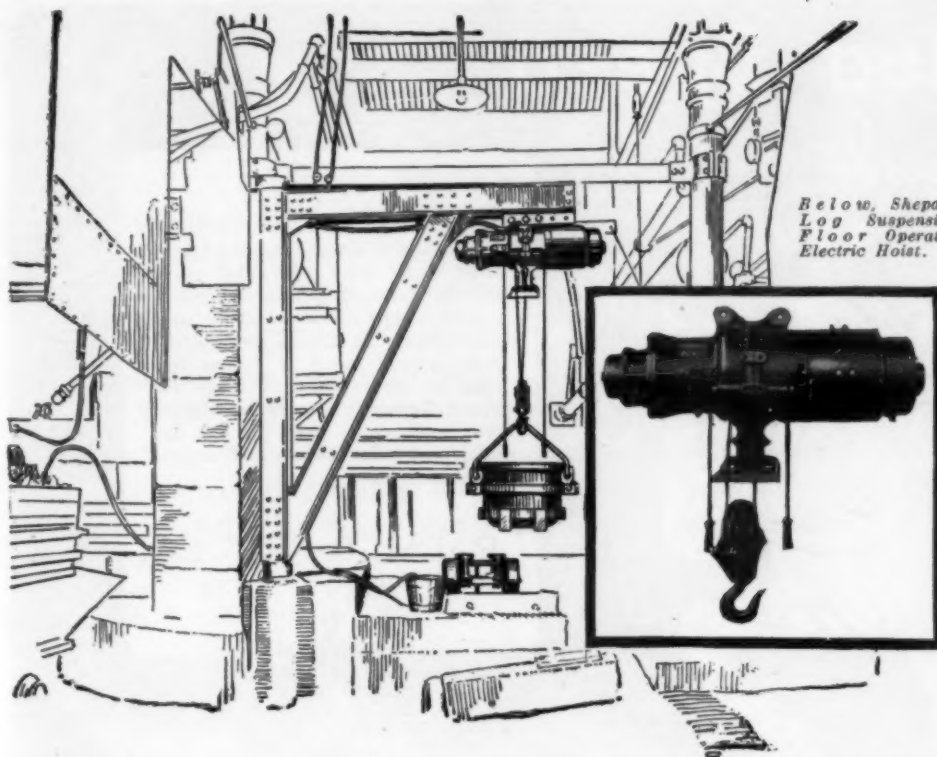
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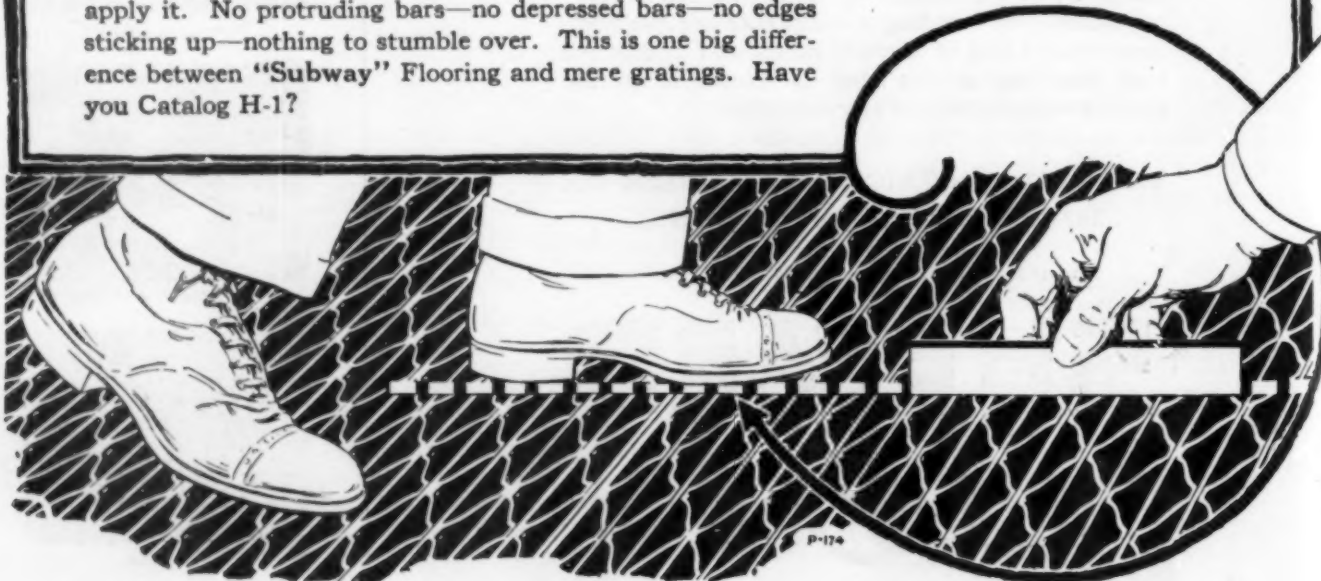
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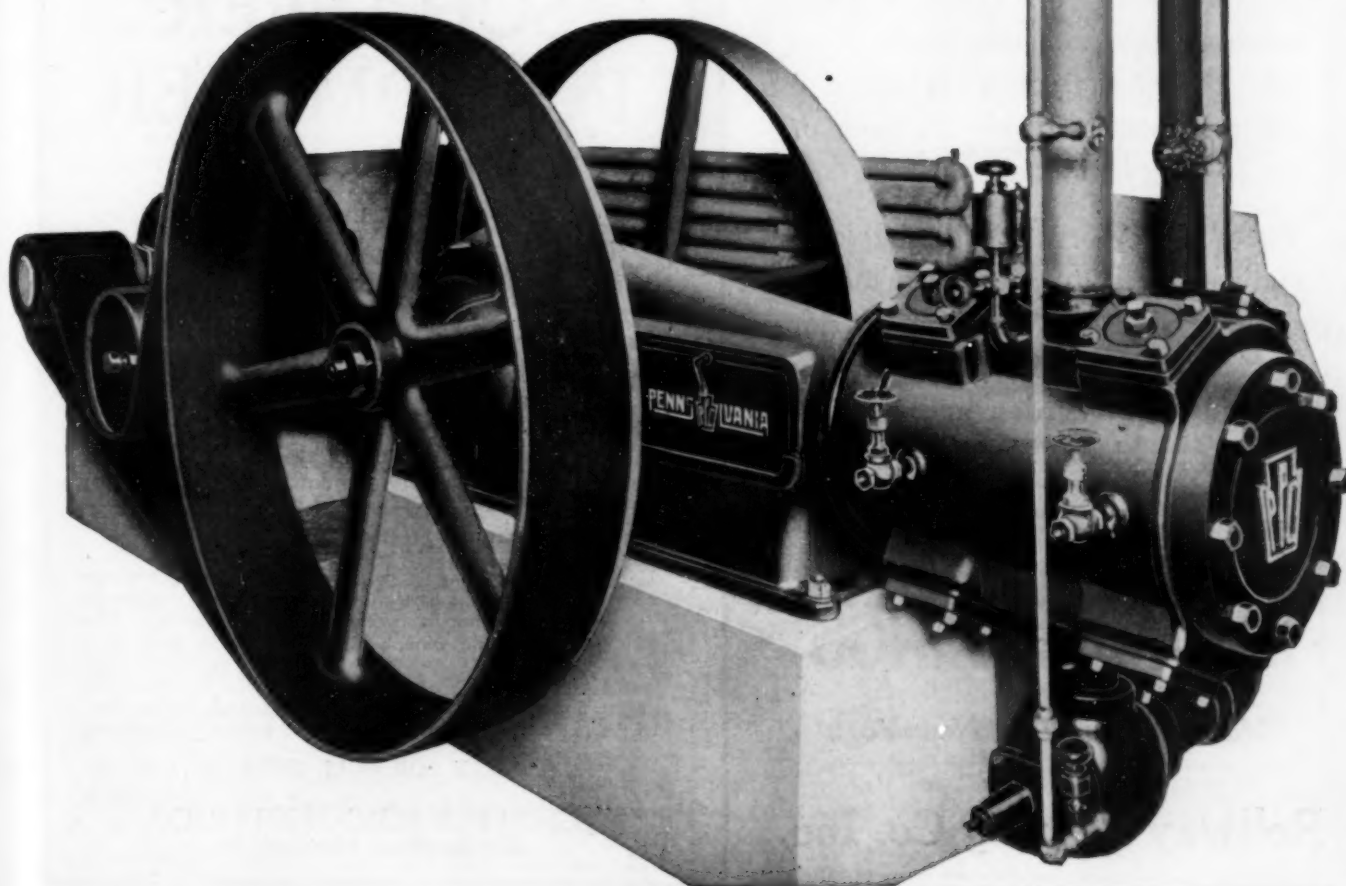
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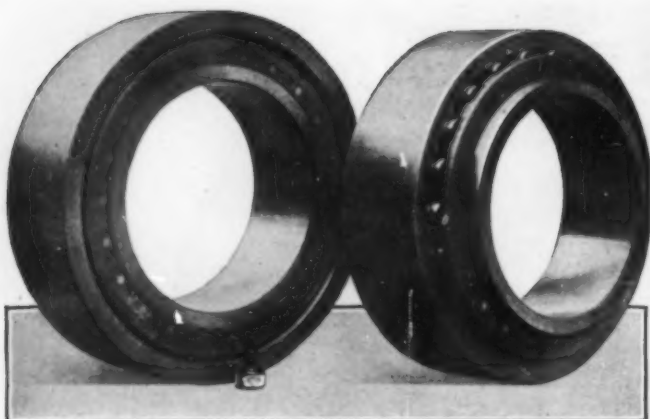
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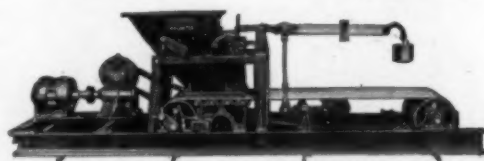
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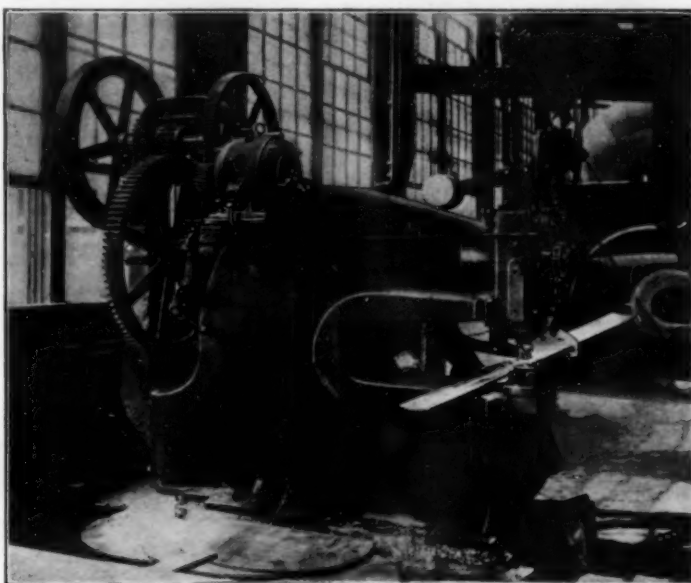
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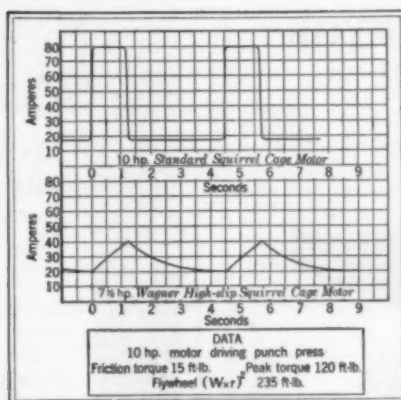
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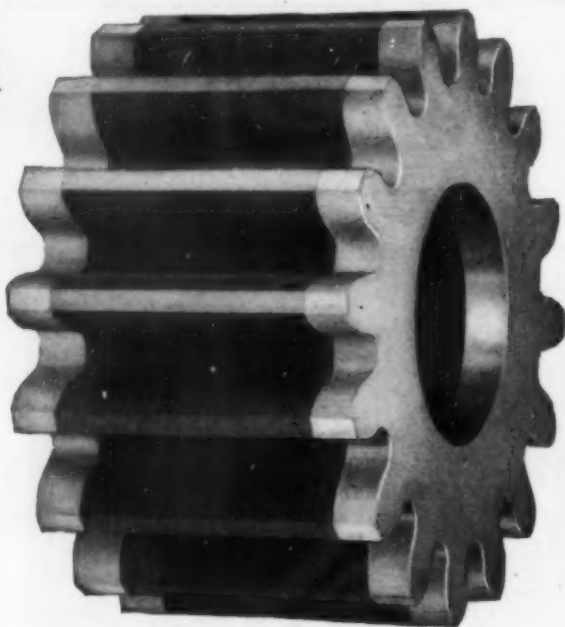
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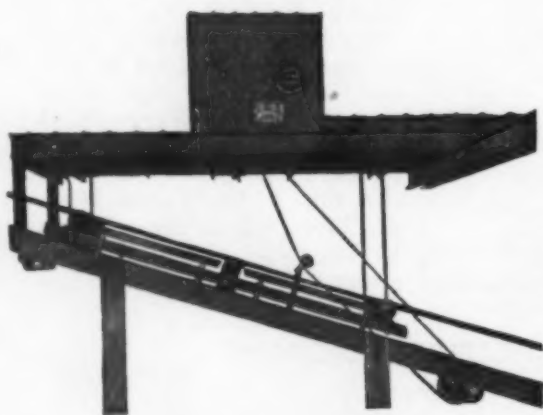
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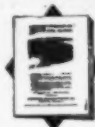
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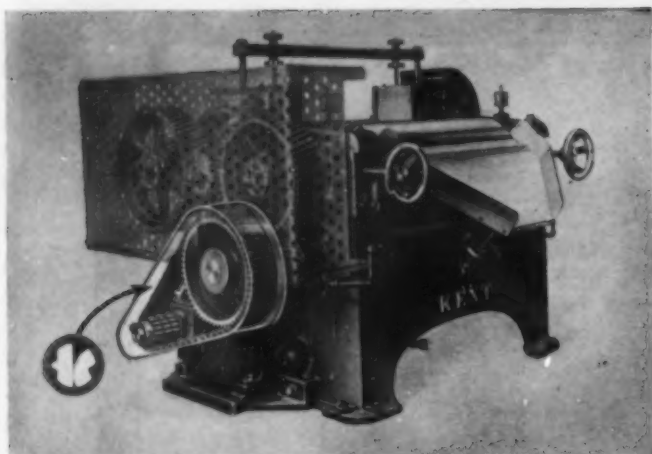
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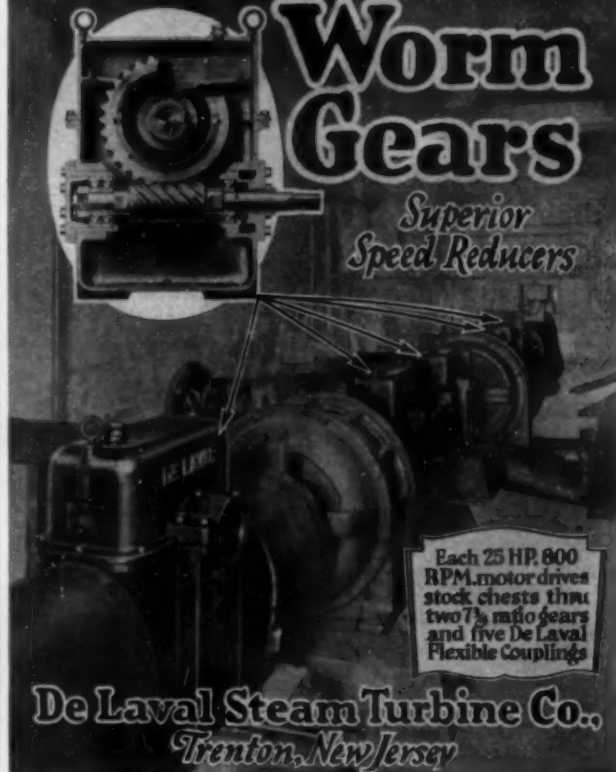
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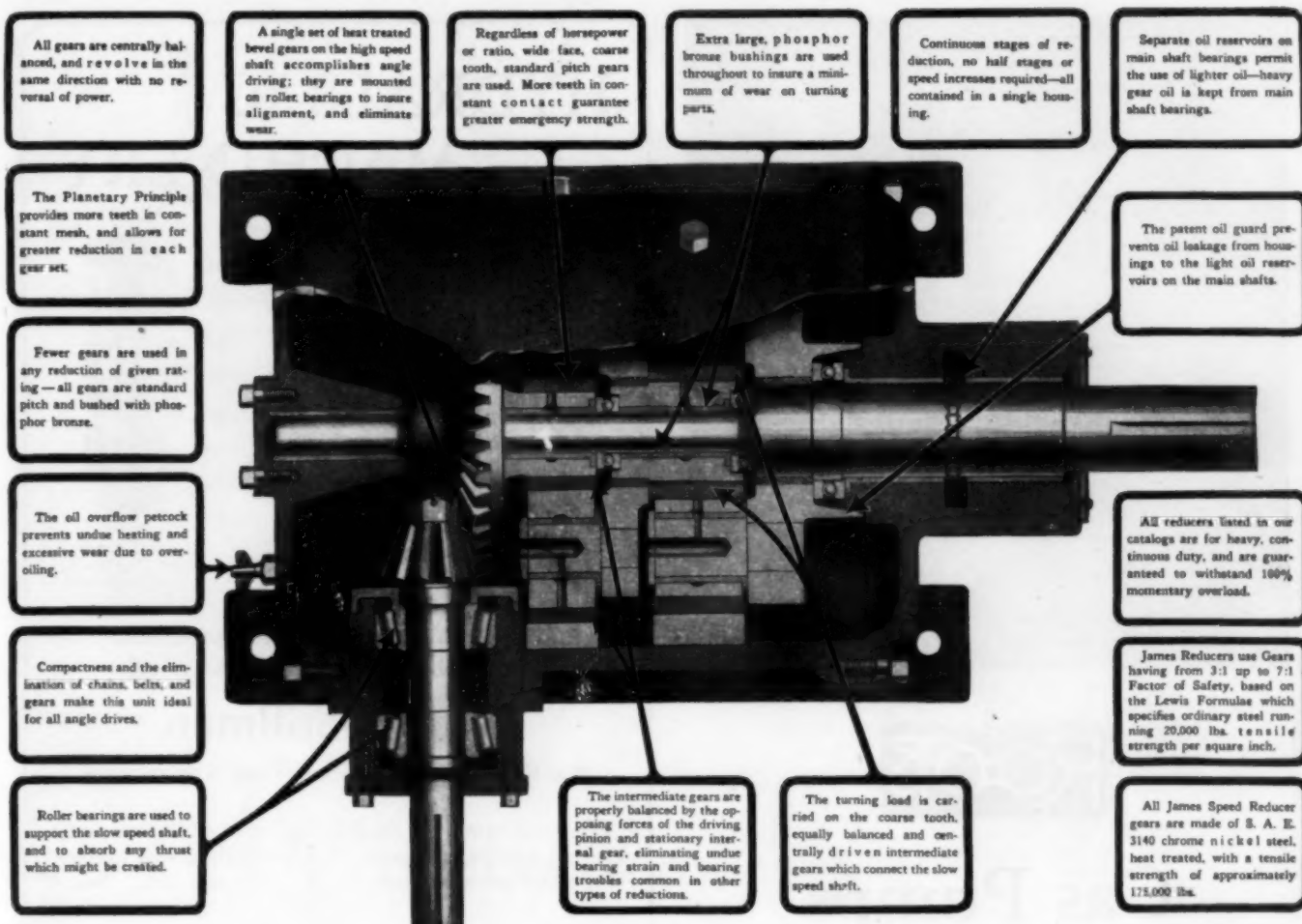
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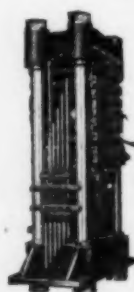
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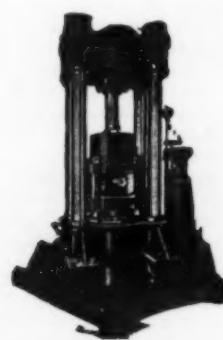
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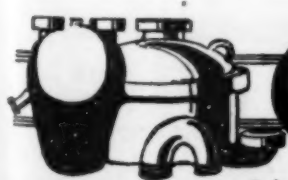
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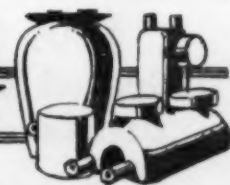
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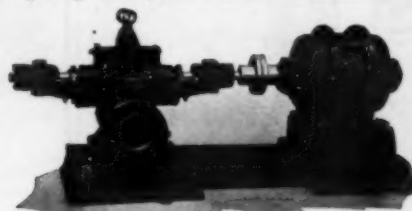


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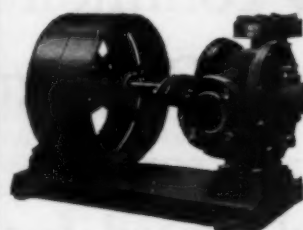
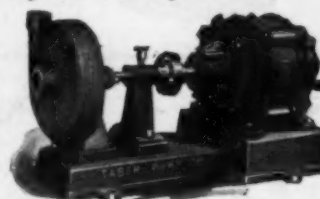


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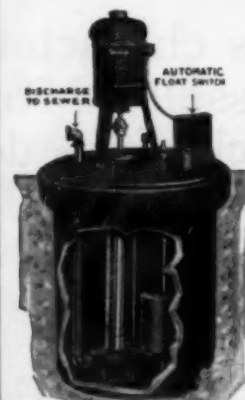


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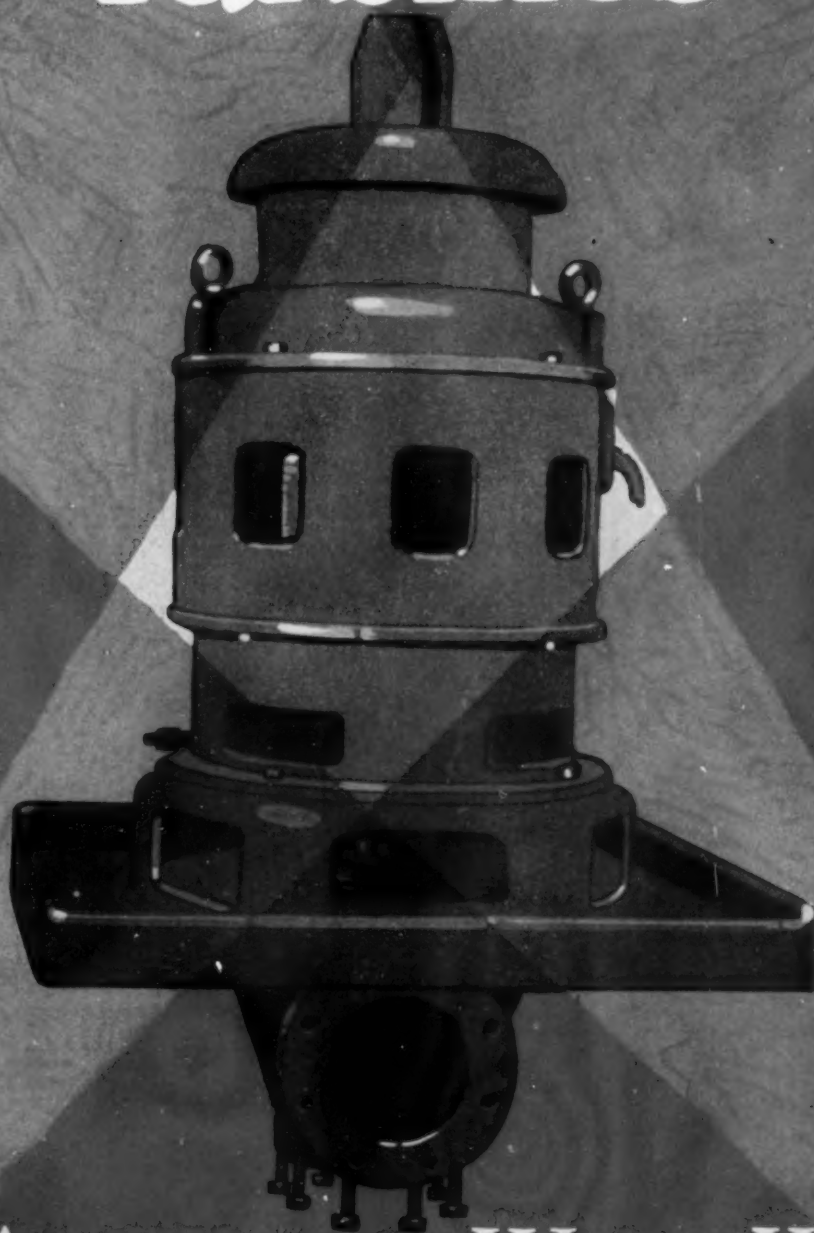
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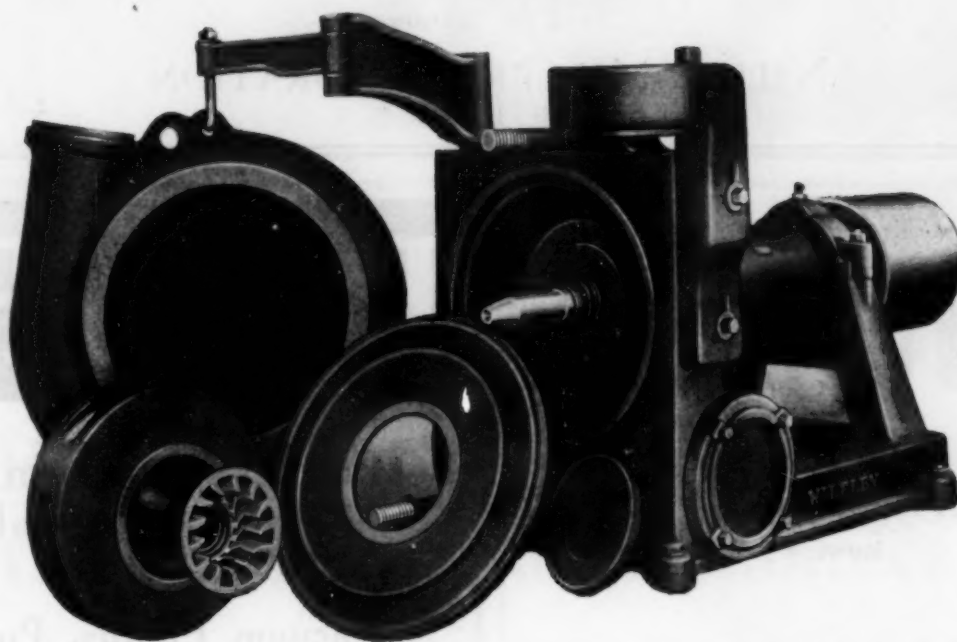
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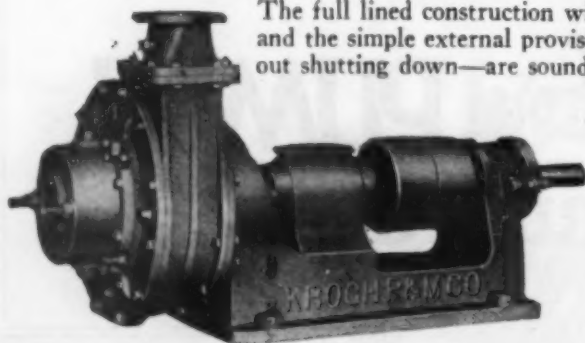
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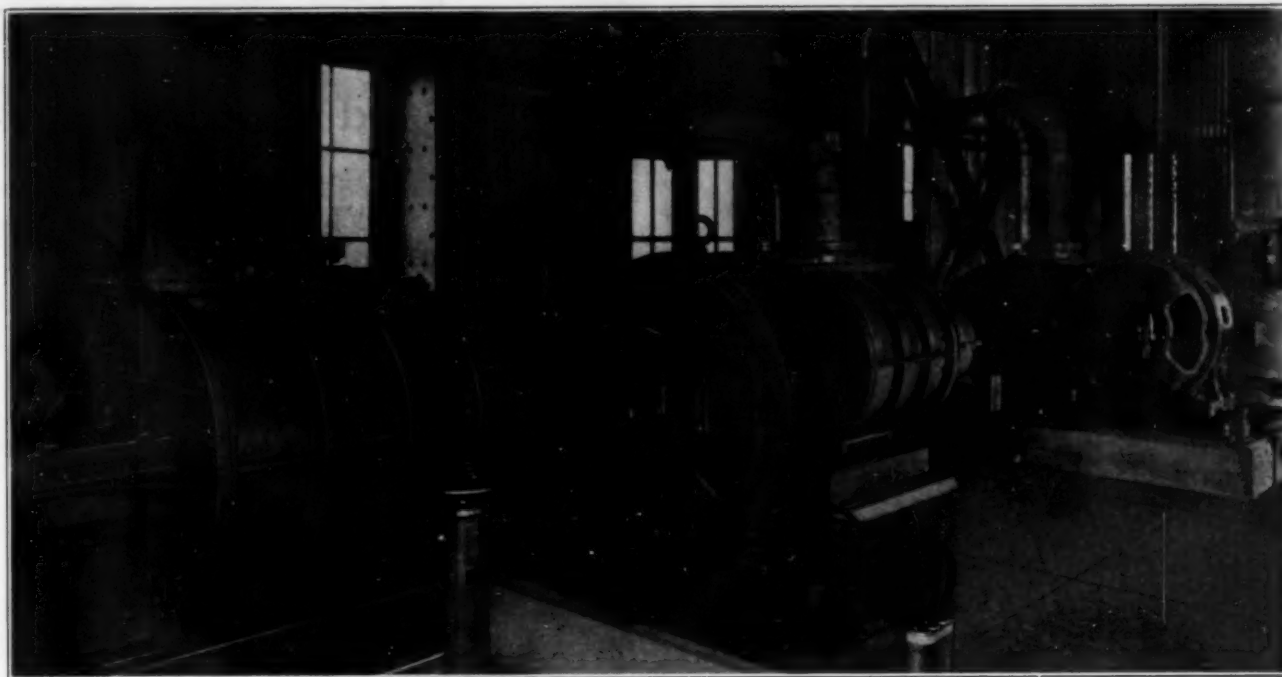
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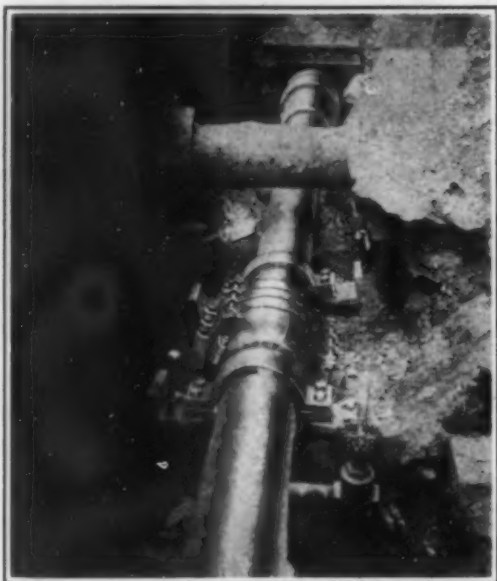
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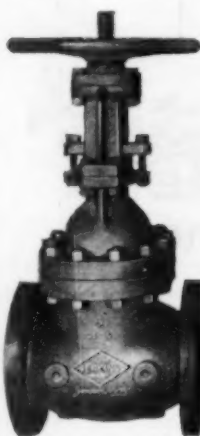


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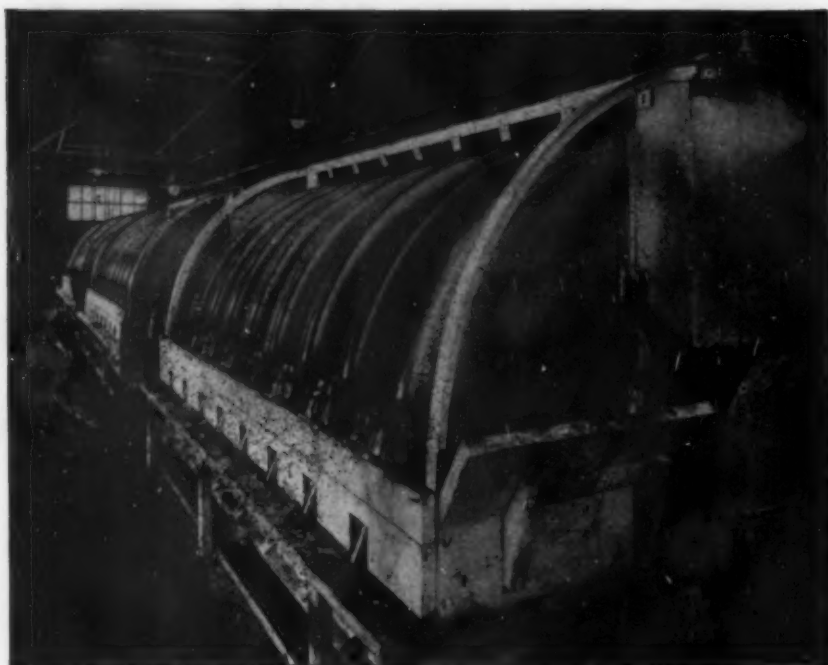
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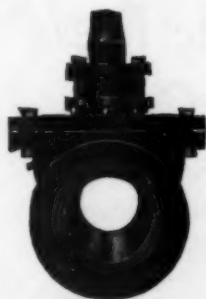
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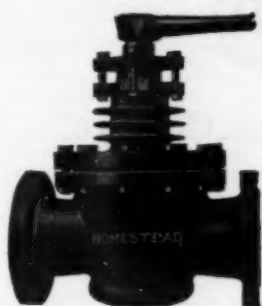
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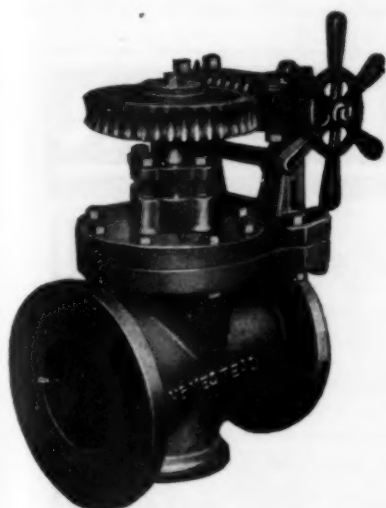
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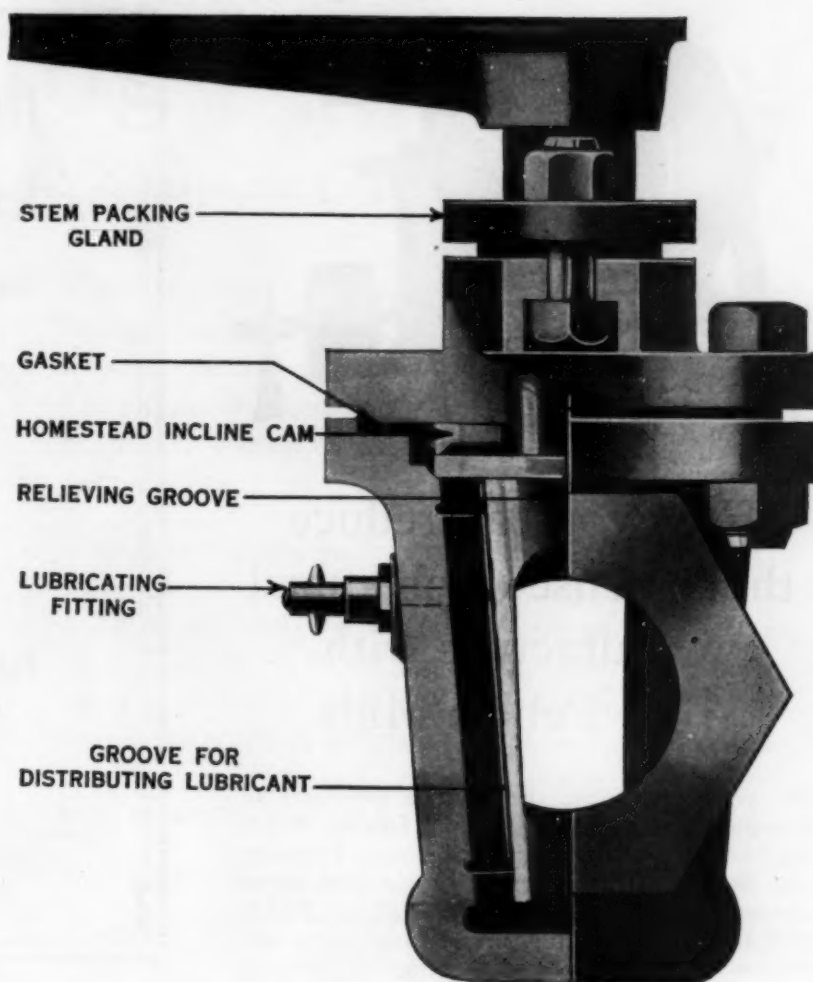
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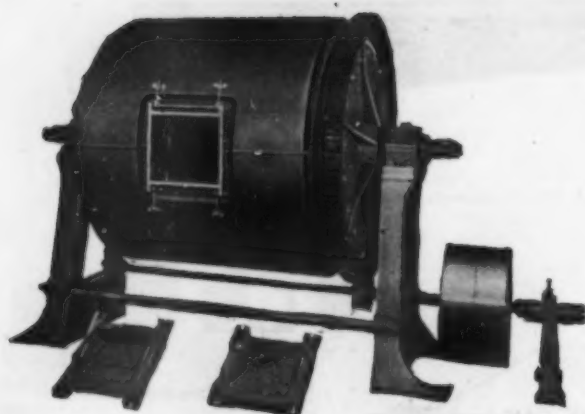
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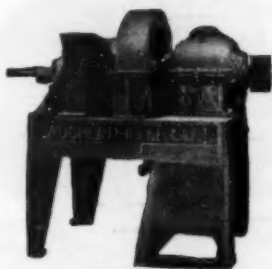
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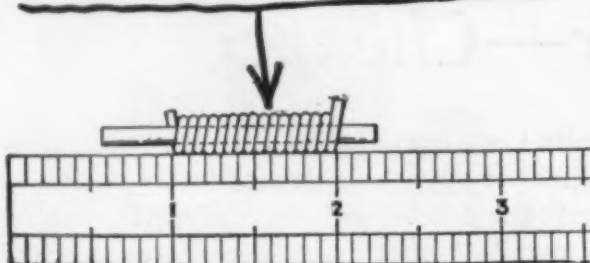
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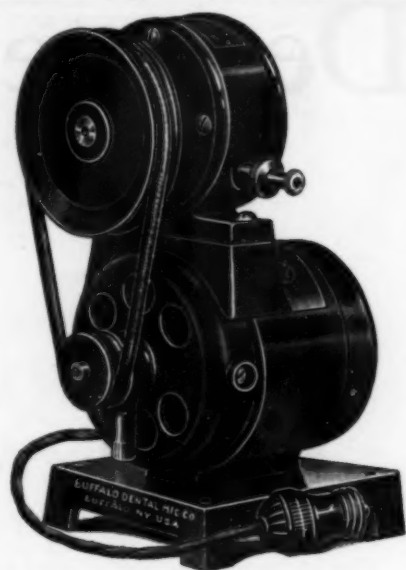
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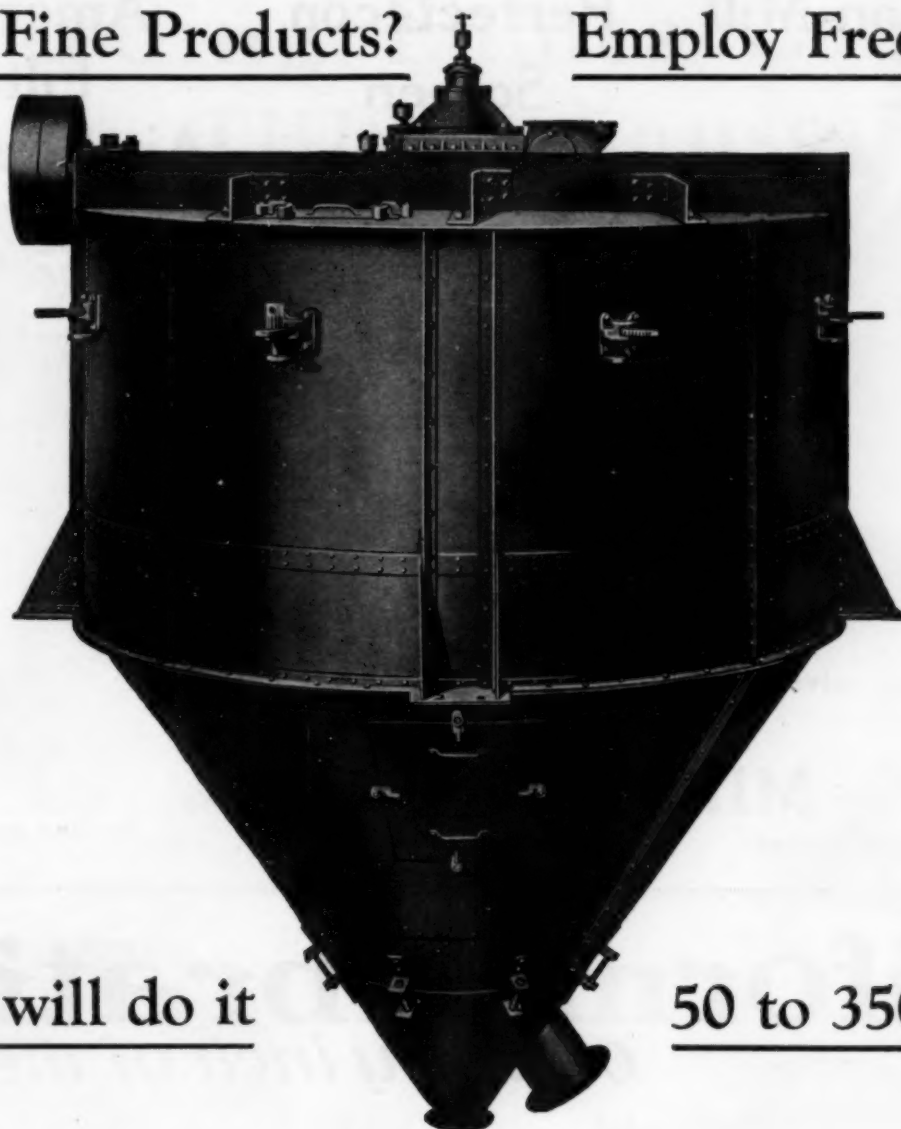
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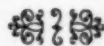
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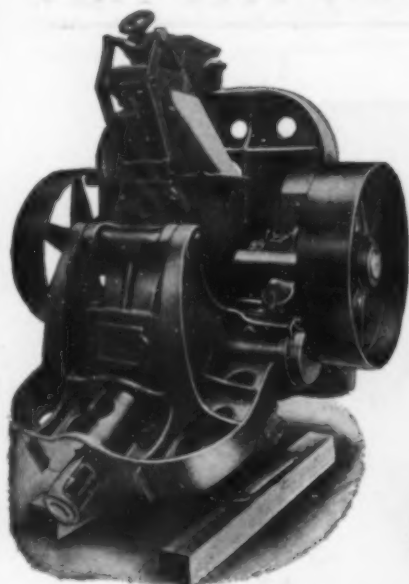
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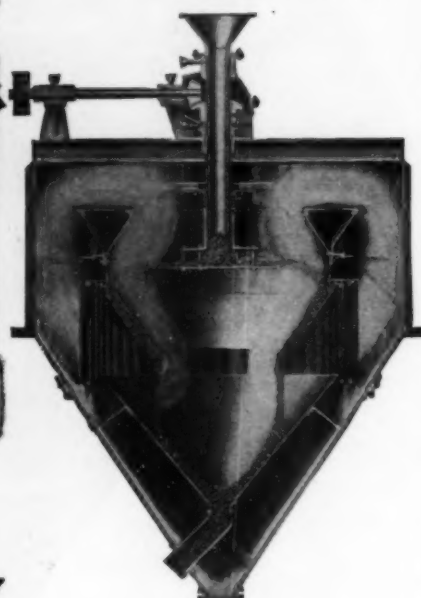
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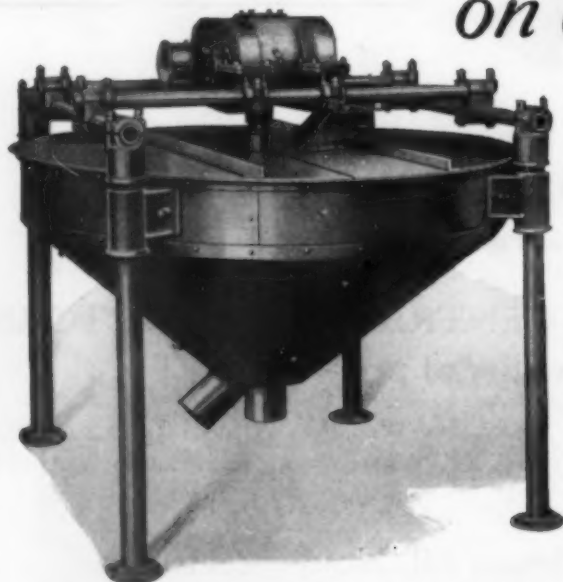
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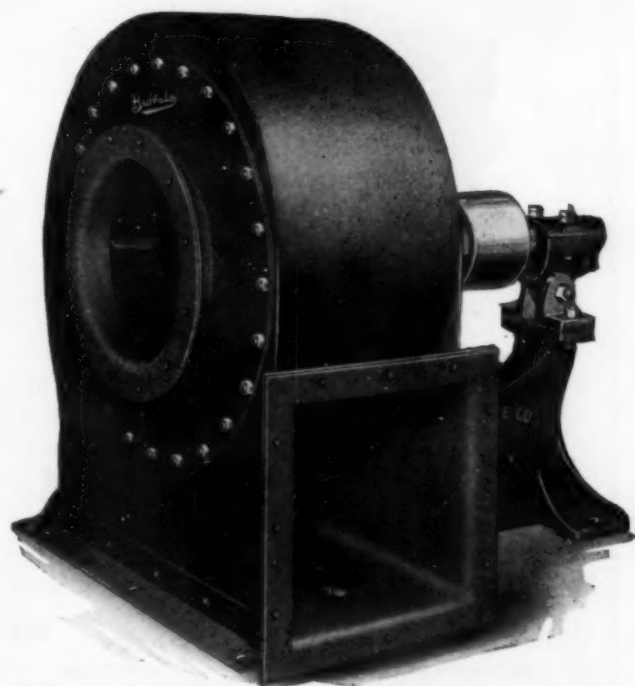
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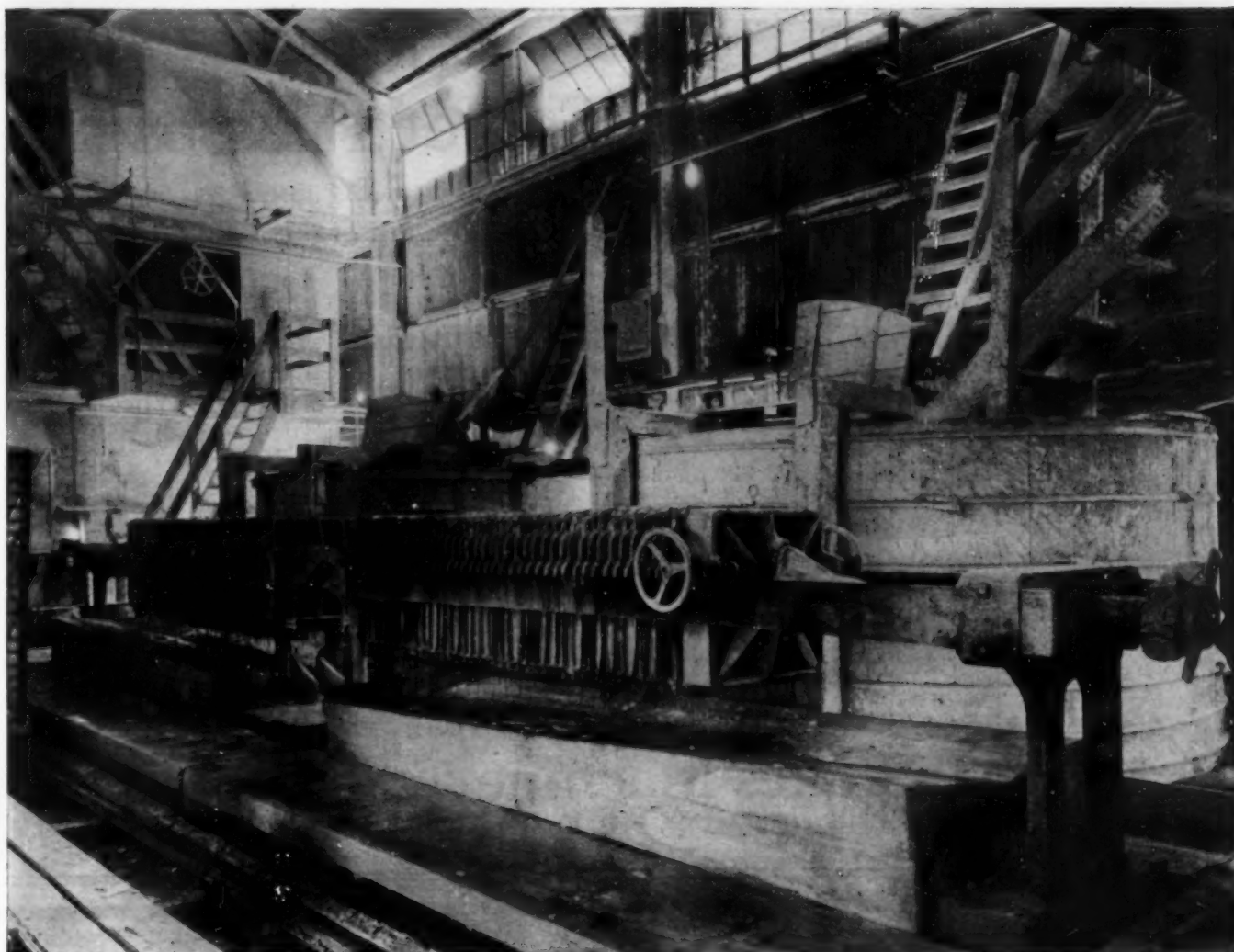
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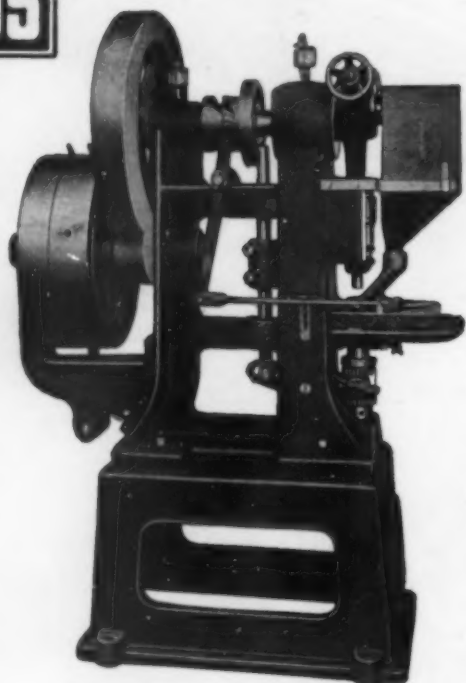
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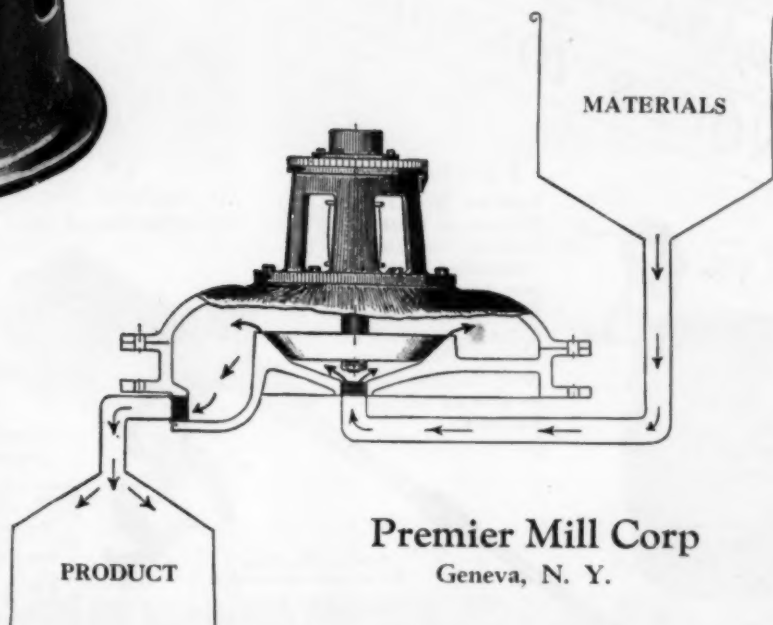
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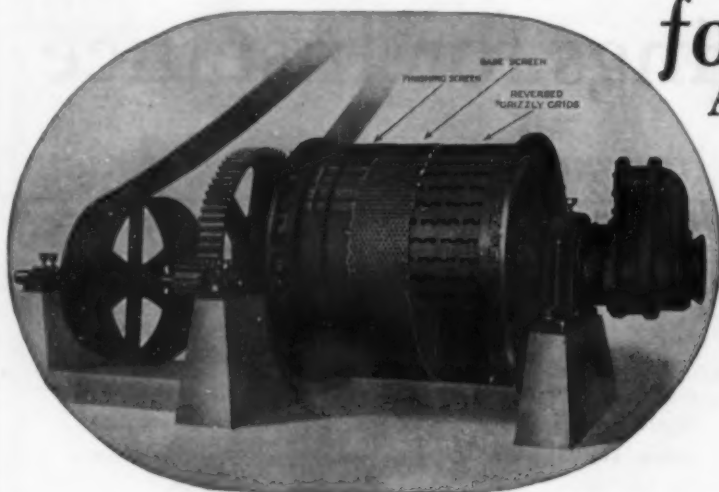
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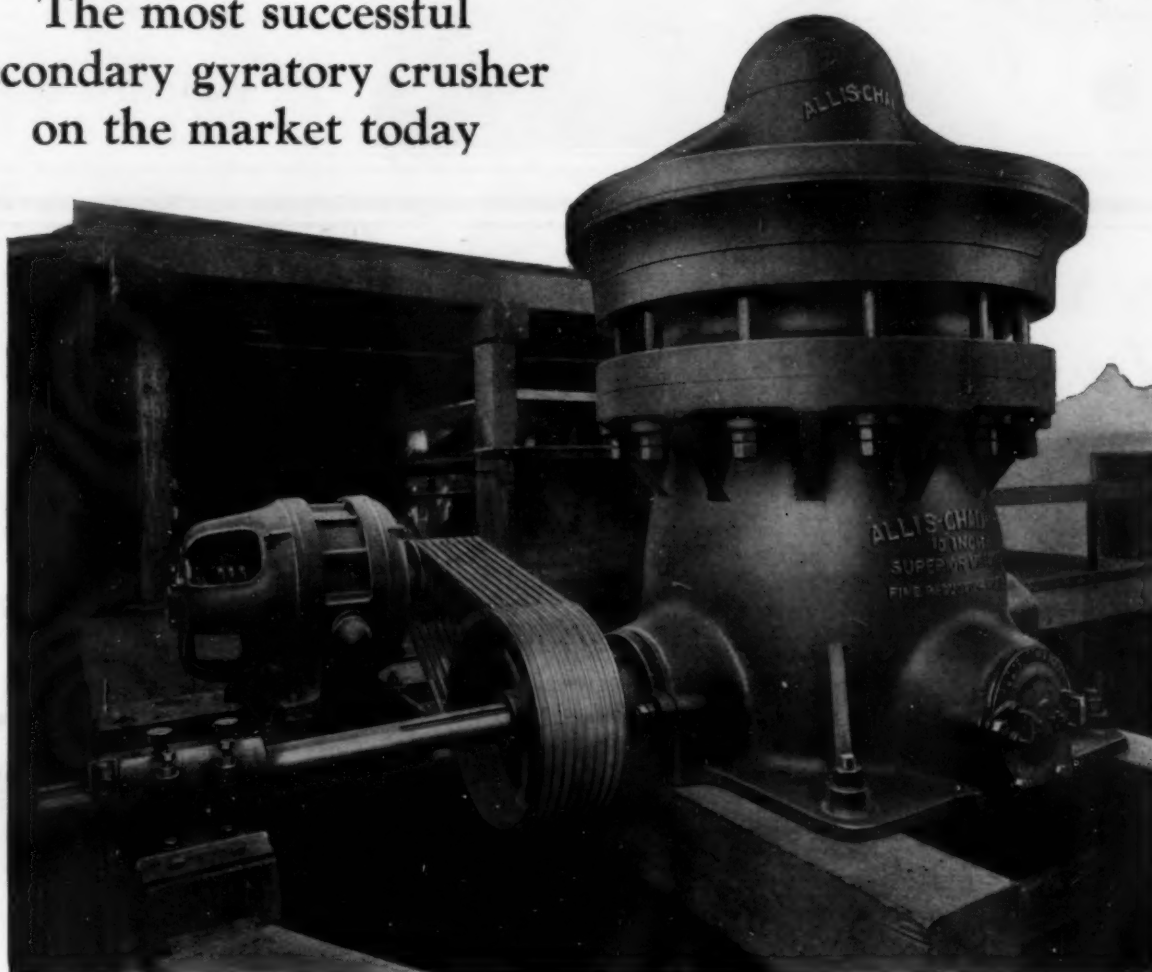


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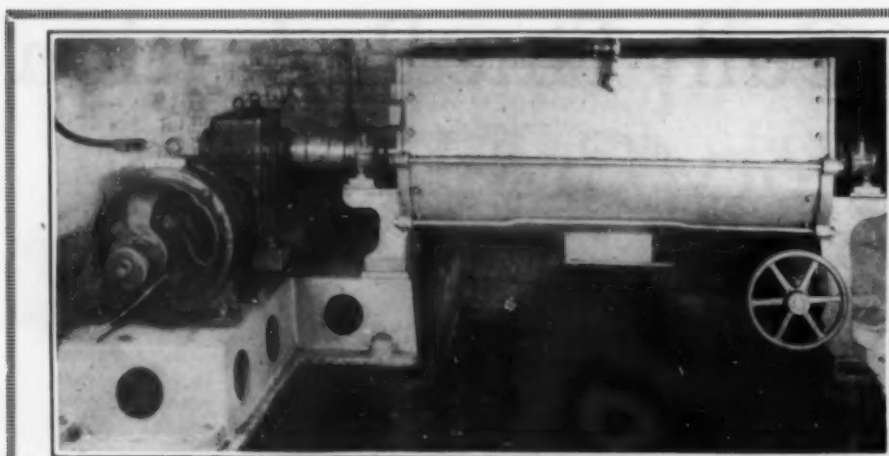
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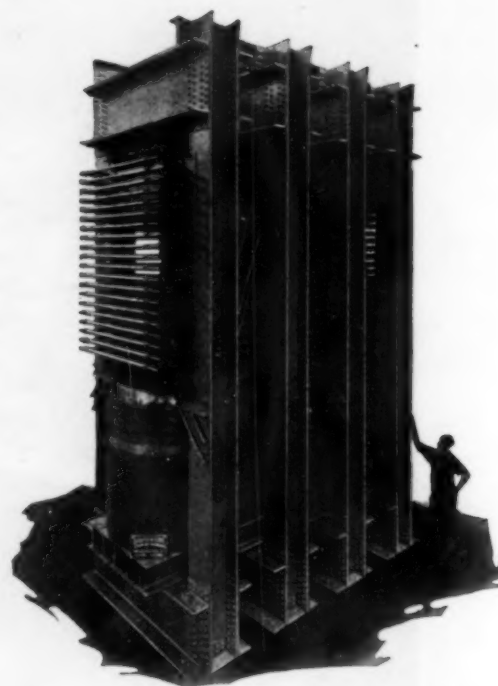
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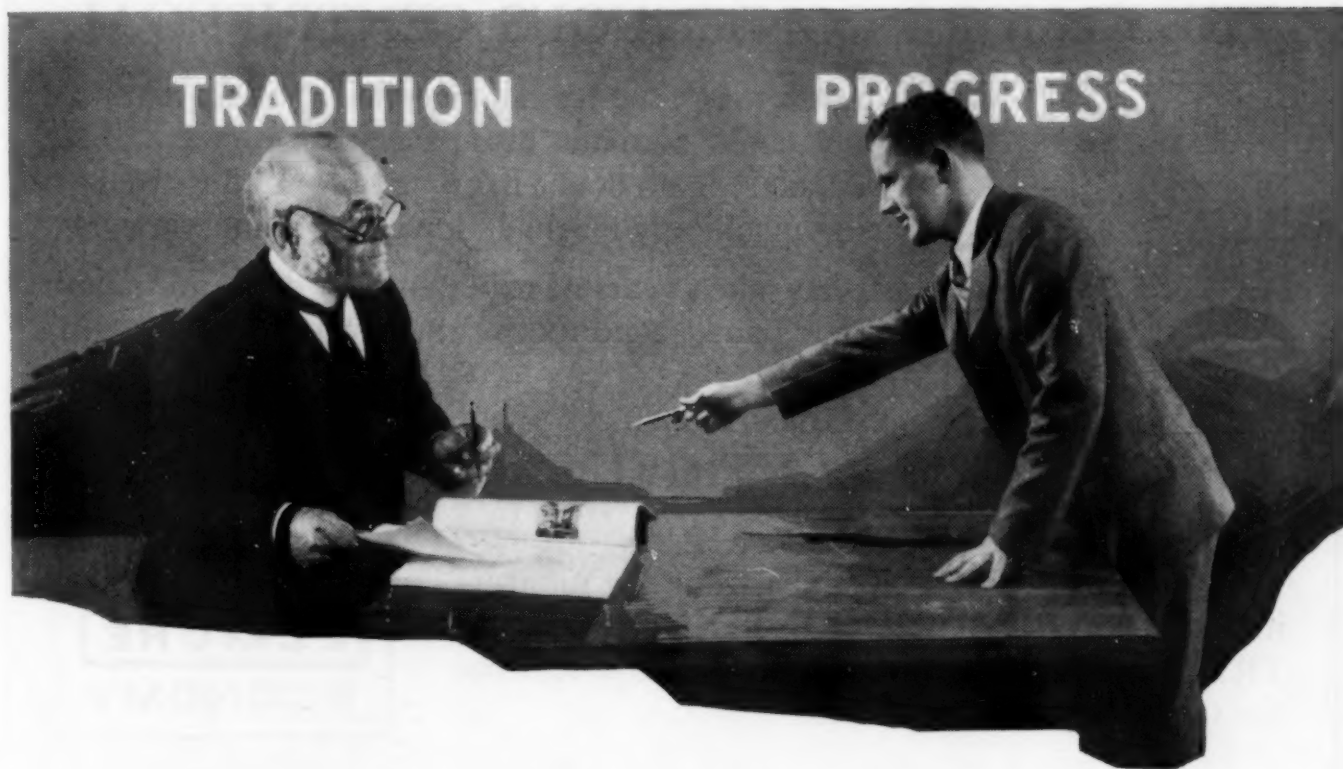
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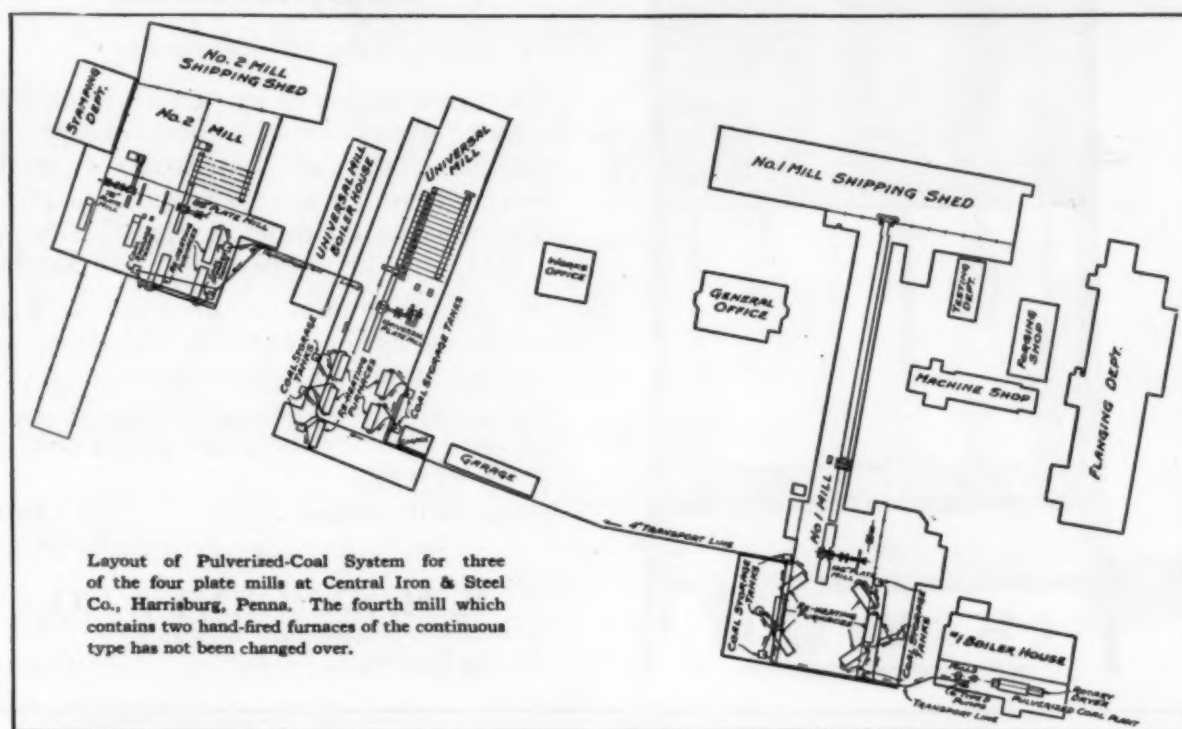
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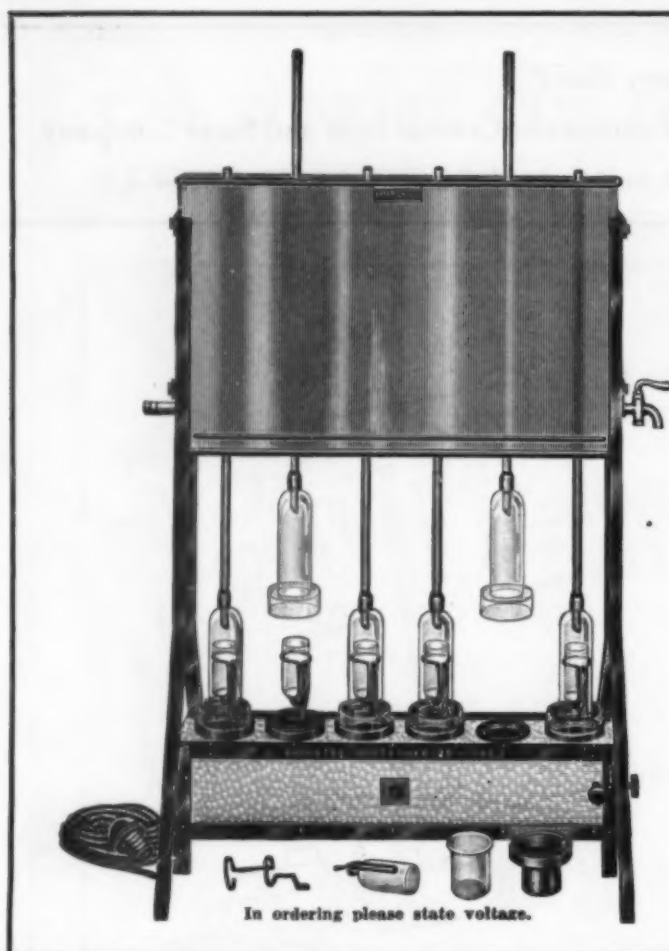
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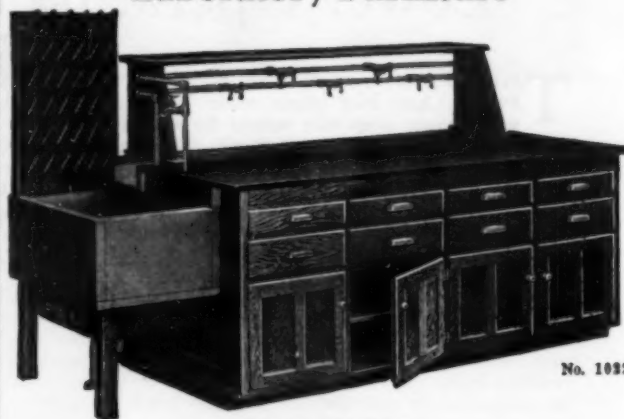
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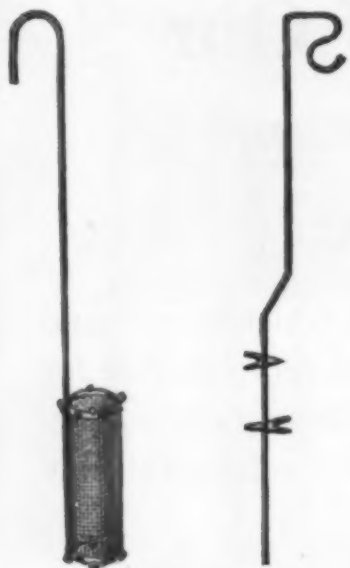
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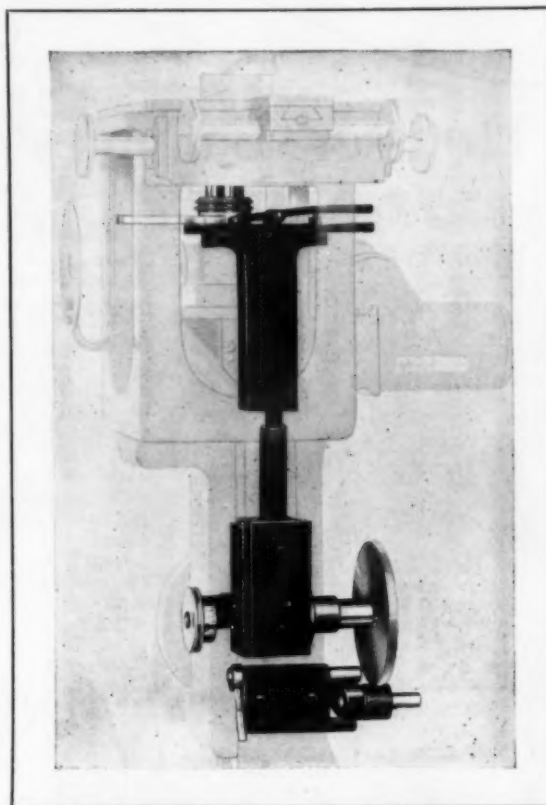
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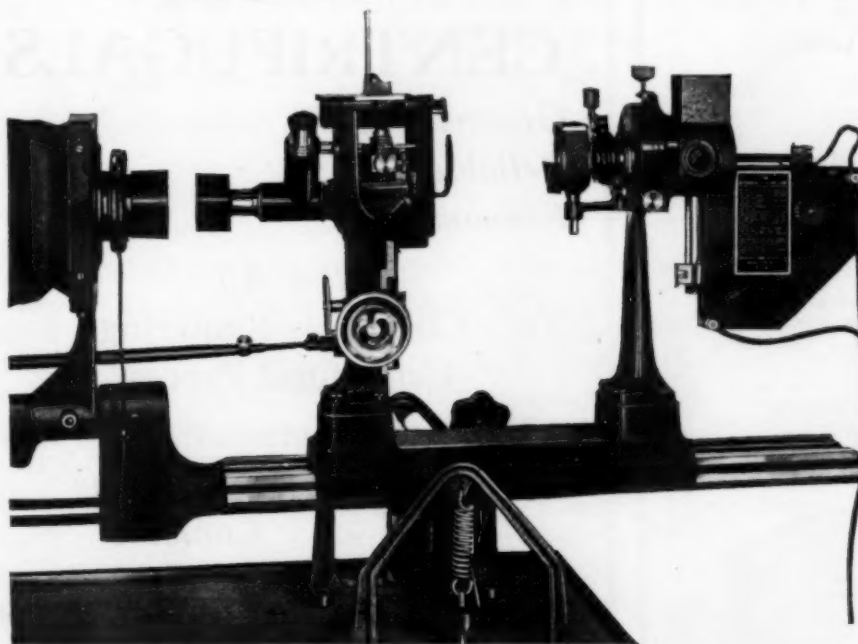


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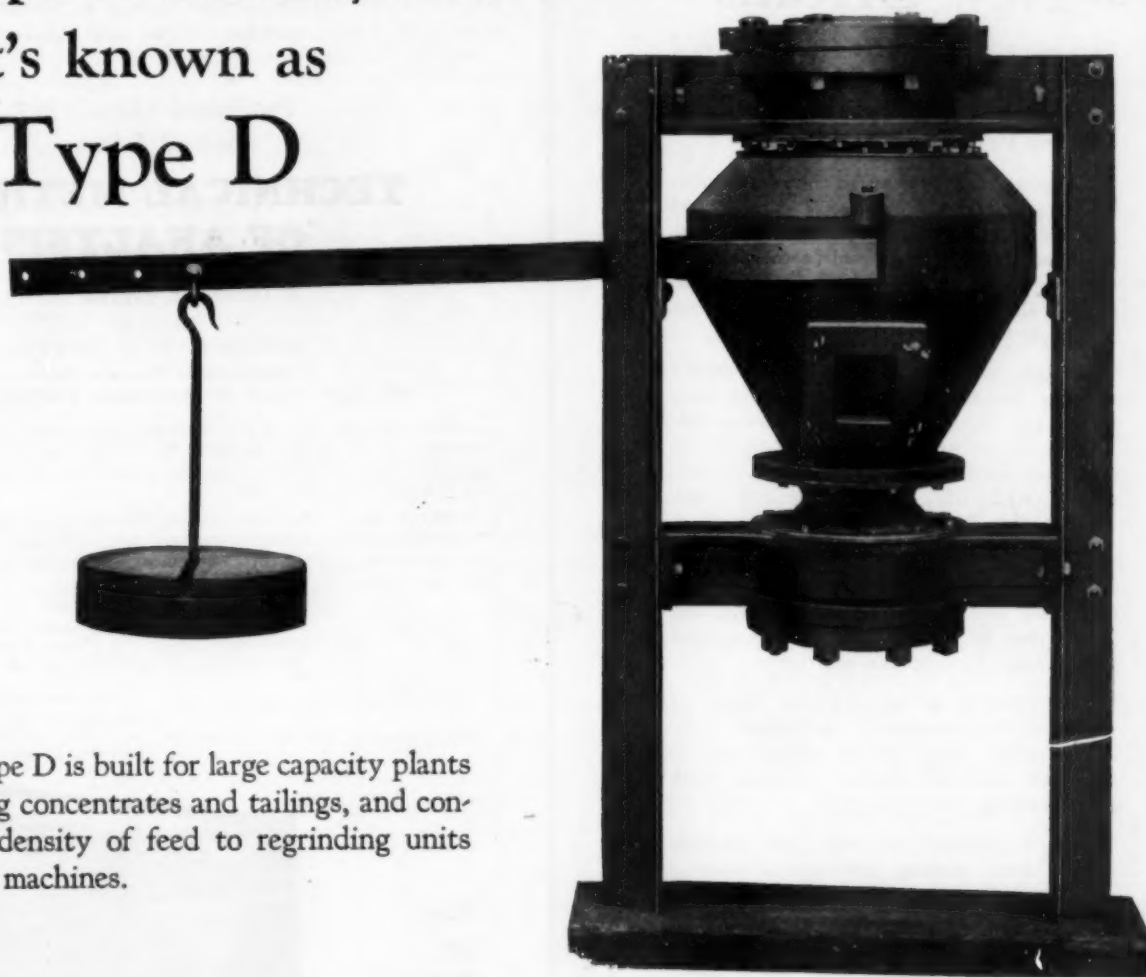
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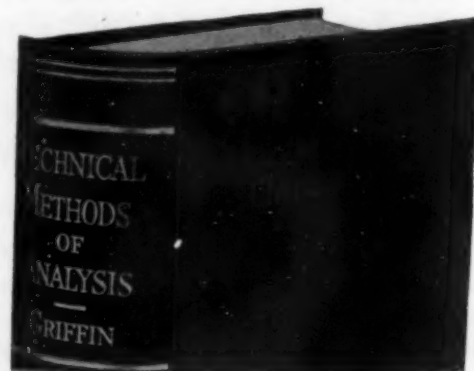
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1	3 ft.	6 ft.	325
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1	5 ft. 6 in.	5 ft. 6 in.	1,000
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1	6 ft. 4 in.	4 ft.	1,000
1	6 ft. 4 in.	10 ft. 6 in.	2,200
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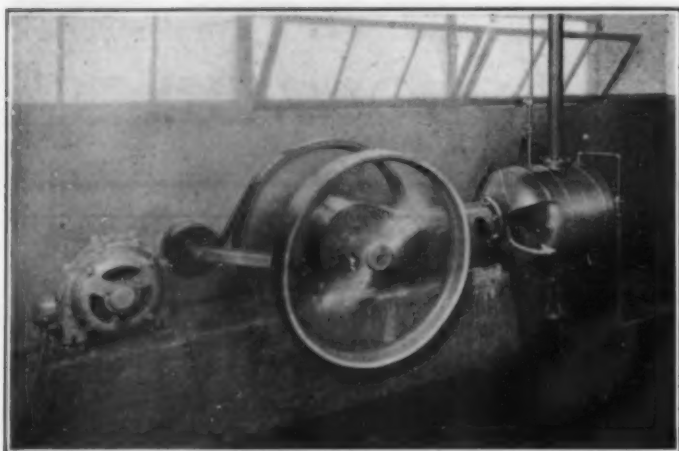
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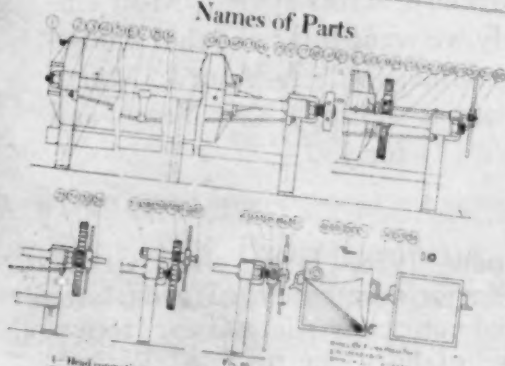


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## Plates and Frames

## Names of Parts



- |                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Head extension           | 30. Gutter                        |
| 2. Shaft nuts               | 31. Jack shaft                    |
| 3. Filter head              | 32. Jack shaft outer box          |
| 4. Gutter bracket           | 33. Center screw                  |
| 5. Short leg                | 34. Jack shaft pulley             |
| 6. Tension nut              | 35. Pinion                        |
| 7. Tension nut              | 36. Gutter                        |
| 8. Tension nut              | 37. Pinion pulley                 |
| 9. Tension nut              | 38. Pinion shaft extension        |
| 10. Pinion                  | 39. Pinion shaft nut              |
| 11. Pinion pulley           | 40. Pinion                        |
| 12. Head bracket            | 41. Pinion pulley                 |
| 13. Filter pin              | 42. Pinion shaft extension collar |
| 14. Long leg                | 43. Ratchet lever bar             |
| 15. Center screw nut        | 44. Ratchet head                  |
| 16. Center screw cross-head | 45. Pinion                        |
| 17. Center screw            | 46. Pinion pulley                 |
| 18. Center screw capstan    | 47. Ratchet wheel                 |
| 19. Ratchet pin             | 48. Pinion                        |
| 20. Ratchet pin             | 49. Pinion pulley                 |
| 21. Jack shaft pinion box   | 50. Pinion shaft extension collar |
| 22. Pull back plate         | 51. Ratchet lever bar             |
| 23. Pull back roller        | 52. Ratchet head                  |
| 24. Pinion                  | 53. Pinion                        |
| 25. Pinion                  | 54. Pinion pulley                 |
| 26. Pinion                  | 55. Pinion shaft extension collar |
| 27. Pinion                  | 56. Ratchet lever bar             |
| 28. Pinion                  | 57. Ratchet head                  |
| 29. Pinion                  | 58. Pinion                        |

When ordering parts specify size of filter press (outside measurements of plates) and serial number stamped on name plate. If possible submit rough sketch showing part wanted, or mark part wanted on a cut of filter press. It is also best to mention number of the part as given above as well as the name.

## General Operating Instructions

(1) *Clothing:* See that each plate has a cloth placed over to correspond with those in the plates. The cloth covers top and lays over the top. See that each head has a cloth over it to correspond to those in the head. These are called "half cloth" of the recessed type, then grommets must be inserted in the plates and tightened together with the wrenches. See also page 21.

(2) *Closing:* Place all the plates together (if frames are used the plates) taking care to see that there are no wrinkles in the margins. Pull up the movable head against the plates and position. Now tighten the center screw so that the plates are together. The amount of pressure can be found by experience.

(3) *Filling:* If the plates have cocks, see that they are open to the gutter. Start the pump and maintain an even flow of filtrate to carry the operation. Watch the pressure gauge and see that the up very slowly. If an alloy or earth is used as a filter aid, see that with the material to be filtered before it is pumped into the filter.

(4) *Opening:* When the filtrate stops flowing or when the flow slows, stop the pump or otherwise cut off the pump from the filter. Leave the center screw. Lift up the filter and pull back the movable solids may now be removed and the cloths either cleaned while in place or removed and replaced with clean ones.

(5) *Washing:* See page 21.

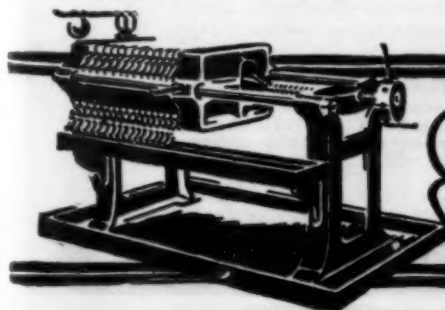
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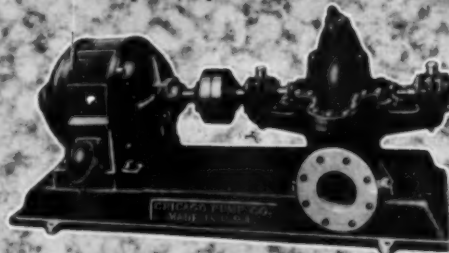


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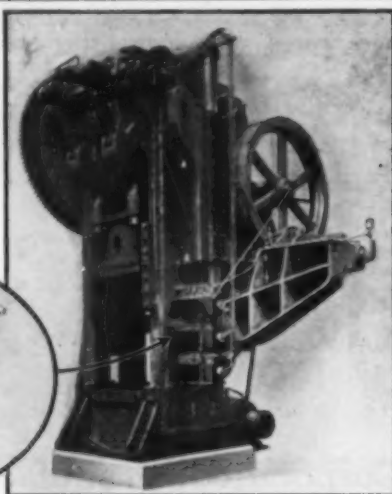
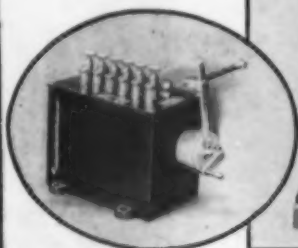
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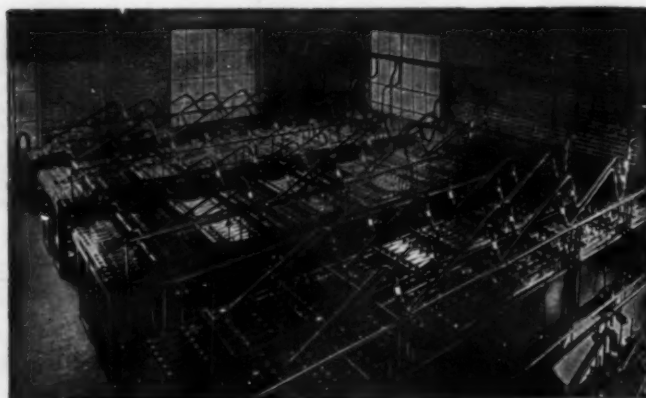
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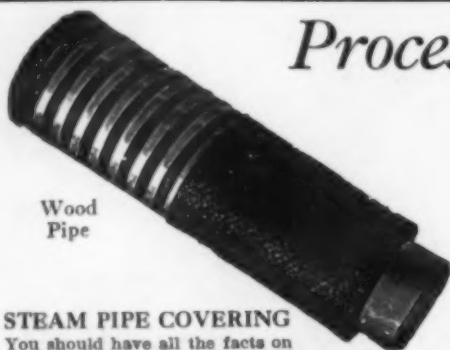
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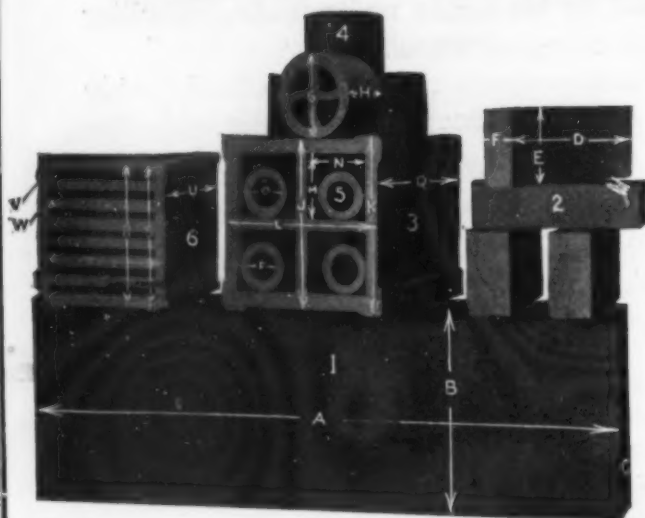
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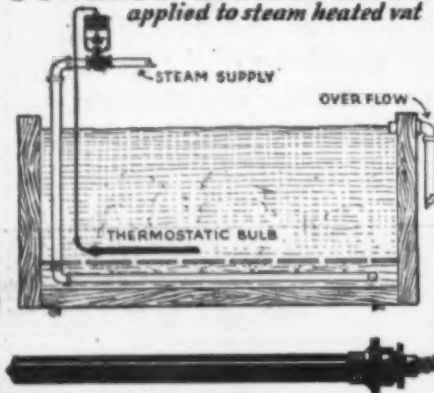
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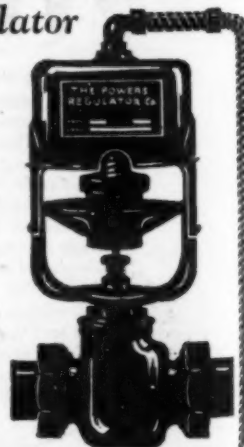
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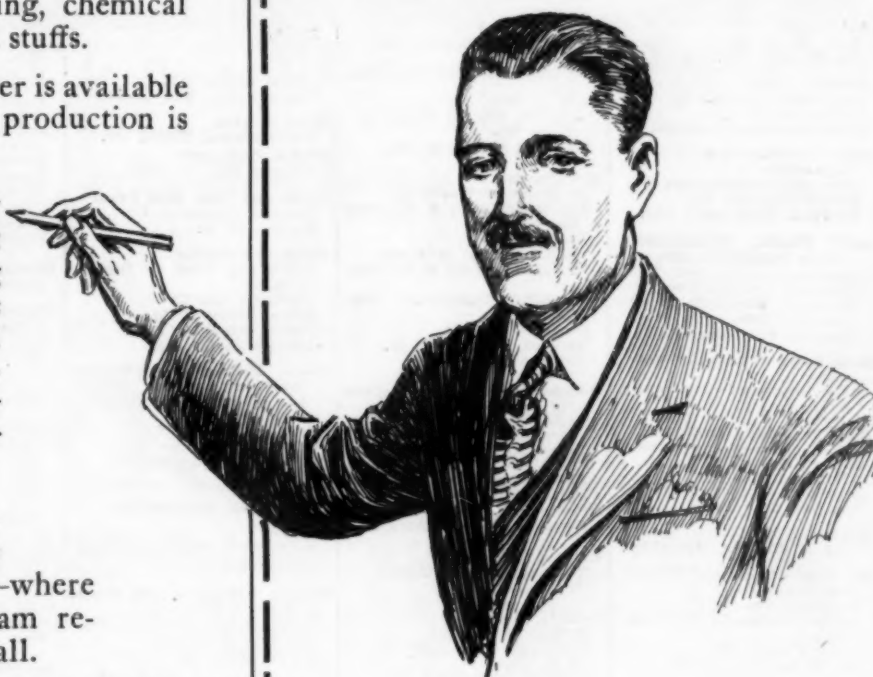
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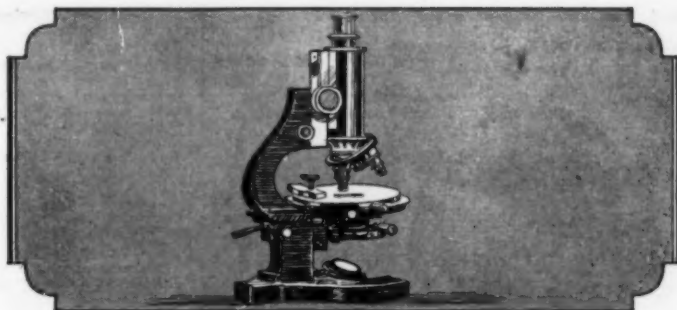
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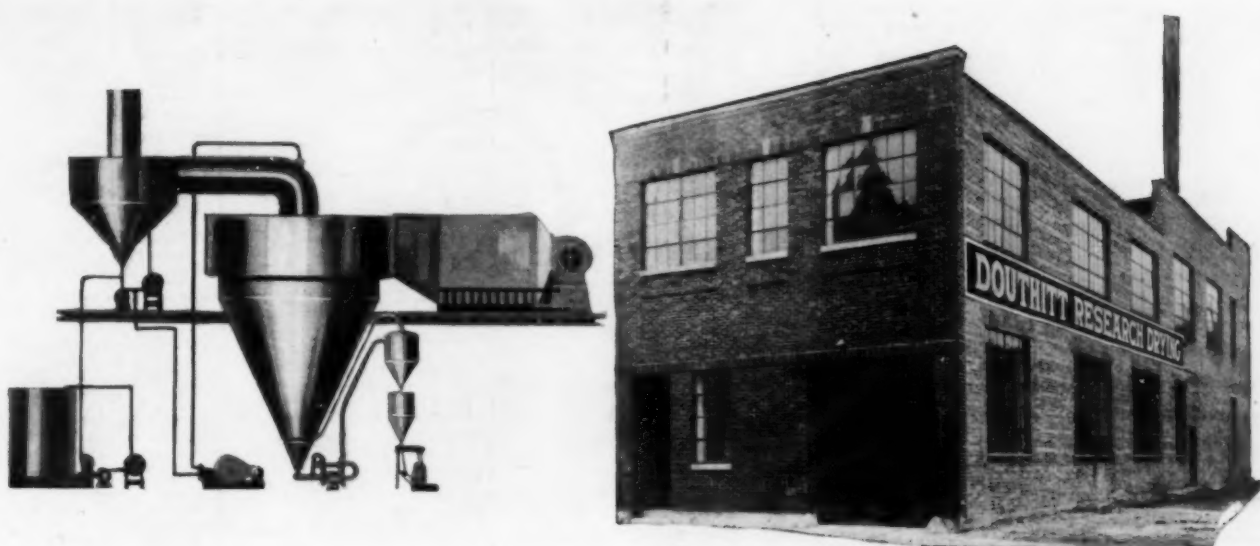
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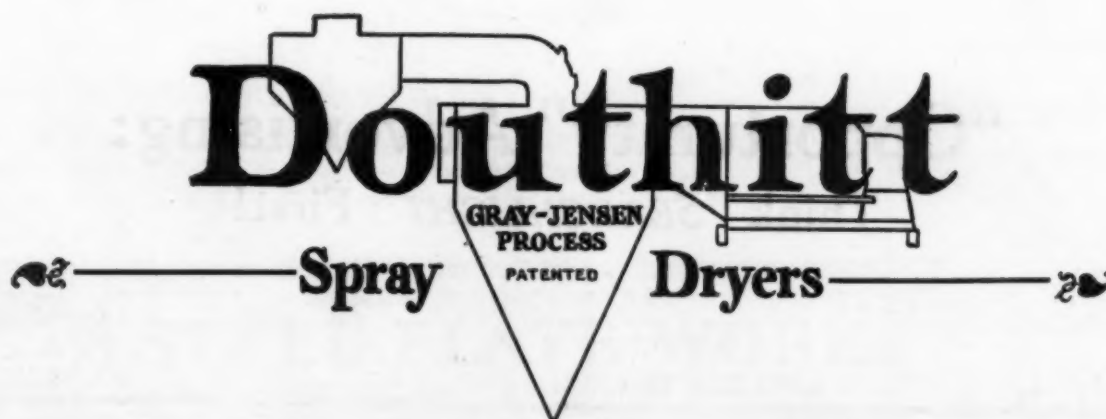
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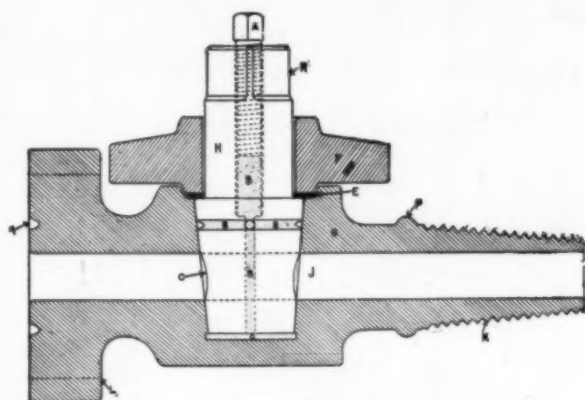


Figure No. 287  
Phantom View Flanged to Threaded Straightway Faucet



Figure No. 289

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- B—Plain shank for grinding into outlets.
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- D—Collar.
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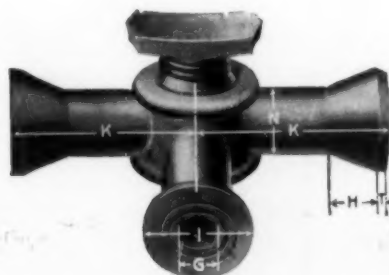


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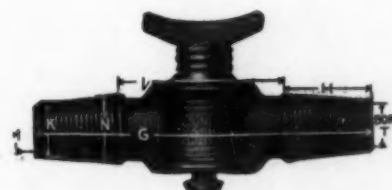
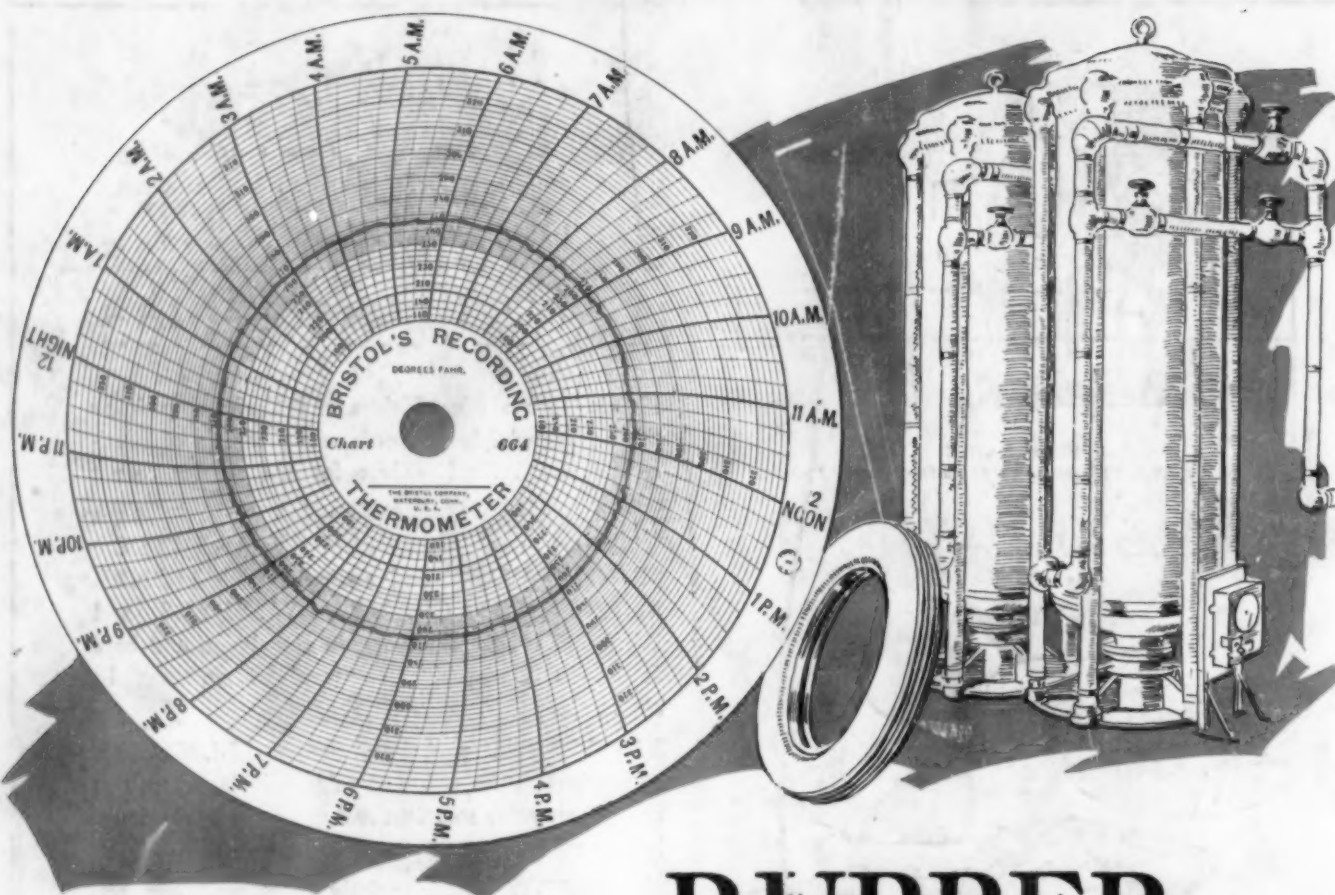


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